
5CBA Meeting Minutes – August 2017

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, August 15th, 2017. Club Co-President Gov Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Gov asked who brought refreshments and thanked them for their contributions. Gov asked if there were any guest and had them introduce themselves. Guest Danny James introduced himself.

Approval of minutes

No previous minutes were approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Suzy Spencer presented the Treasurer's report. The 5CBA balance as of 7/31/2017 was \$1,498.28.

Ongoing business

National Honey Bee Day

Suzy Spencer announced that 5CBA will have an exhibit at the State Farmers Market celebrating National Honey Bee Day this Saturday, August 19th from 9 am to 3 pm. In addition to helping with the booth, members can sell honey and hive-based products. Contact Suzy or Tim Huffman if you'd like to participate or need additional information.

GAP Chapter of the Year - NCBSA \$700 Project Grant

Proposals for the NCSBA's \$700 project grant available to the GAP Chapter of the Year were requested at the July 18th club meeting as well as via an email sent to club members on July 25th. Suzy Spencer outlined the three proposals that were received:

1. Purchase internal hive monitors. Proposal was withdrawn by submitter because of potential technology issues and inability to help lead project.
2. Transition existing Hive Increase Project (HIP), scheduled to end by October, to create Club Apiary. Use funds to support creation of ongoing club apiary, consisting of approximately five hives.

3. Queen Rearing Project following NCSBA's Born and Bred guidelines.

The floor was opened for discussion of existing proposals or to make additional proposals. Several clarifications were made. No new proposals were presented. Suzy conveyed thoughts gleaned from recent Executive Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Suzy Spencer that the club use the GAP grant of \$700

- 1) to purchase specialized equipment and supplies that can be borrowed by members to try queen-rearing under the NCSBA Born and Bred guidelines, and**
- 2) to help reach our goal of having five complete hives in the new club apiary that will replace the Hive Increase Project for training purposes.**

Motion was seconded by Steve Hildebrand. Discussion was requested with several comments from members about possible donation of other equipment. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

State Fair Sign-up

Gov announced that there was a Signup Genius set up for people interested in State Fair sweepstakes entries on behalf of the club.

5CBA Facebook Page

Gov announced that the Facebook page is not being kept up to date and asked for volunteers to keep it current. There were none. He said we will bring it up next month before deciding to shut it down.

Nominating Committee

Gov announced the members of the 5CBA nominating committee for 2018 officers. They are Greg Wolgemuth (chair), Tim Huffman and Ed Paris. Duties for each position are in the by-laws, which are posted on the 5cba.org Web site. Gov also had several hard copies of the club by-laws.

Bugfest

5CBA will have a booth at Bugfest on Saturday, September 16th. There are still volunteer slots available for the 2:30 – 6:00 pm time slot. There is a Signup Genius set up for volunteers.

Hive Increase Project (HIP) Update

Tim Huffman announced that the HIP is winding down and they are starting to return sponsor equipment along with a Nuc of bees. They are trying to return several per week, with all equipment expected to be returned by October.

To help recoup money spent by club on the HIP, the team is hoping to sell additional Nucs at a discounted price (probably \$100) to club members. New 5CBA members who do not have bees will have priority.

This Month in the Bee Yard

- Gov demonstrated a simple sugar shake he learned from Lewis Cauble, NC Bee Inspector – Mountain Region, at NCSBA Summer conference.
- Tim Huffman said to make sure bees have food (honey), but are not honey bound. Feed if necessary, but not too much.

Program

Preparing Your Hives for Winter

Jennifer Keller, Research Specialist at the NC State Apiculture Lab, gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation on preparing your bee hives for winter, which should be occurring now.

After her presentation, she was joined by Don Hopkins (NCDA&CS Apiary Inspection Supervisor) for a Q&A on the appropriate time and proper use of oxalic acid for varroa mite treatments. Pros and cons of other treatment options also were discussed.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- Gov announced that we hope to have a mead class in the Fall. More details at a later meeting.
- Gov announced that we need a committee (or person) to coordinate creating of our GAP Chapter of the Year t-shirts.
- Member Ray Hunt announced a program being presented by Michael Bush in Smithfield, NC on October 24th. Ray also announced that he has a bee school beginning September 9th.
- Door prize drawings were held.

Adjournment

Gov thanked those who bought door prizes, thanked everyone for coming, and then adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date of approval
