
5CBA Meeting Minutes – September 2017

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017. Club Co-President Gov Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Gov asked who brought refreshments and thanked them for their contributions. Gov asked if there were any guest and had them introduce themselves.

Approval of minutes

The July and August minutes, as posted on web site, were approved by general consensus.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Suzy Spencer presented the Treasurer's report. The 5CBA balance as of 8/31/2017 was \$1,566.79.

Ongoing business

Bugfest

5CBA had a booth at Bugfest on Saturday, September 16th. Booth volunteers stood up and were recognized.

Special Chapter of the Year T-Shirts

Kelly Allen, Chair of the special T-shirt committee, stood up and showed a sample of the new 5CBA GAP Club of the Year t-shirt design on the large monitor. She then showed three color options (blue, green and maroon) and polled members for their color preference. The vote was blue 15, green 8 and marron 7. T-shirt orders will be taken at the next two club meetings.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is Friday, October 27th. Need volunteers for committee. Originally, HIP honey was to be sold to offset cost to club; however now the plan is to sell Nucs from HIP project to offset cost.

A motion was made by Dr. Ron Itini to spend up to \$135 to purchase two hundred 2-oz. honey bears and labels. Motion was seconded by Ed Paris. Discussion was requested however there was none. **Motion carried by show of hands.**

A motion was made by Bill Lamb to use HIP honey (estimated about 2 gallons) to fill the two hundred 2-oz. honey bears. Motion was seconded by Danny Alvarez. Discussion was requested however there was none. **Motion carried by show of hands.**

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

It was explained that the \$700 check from NCSBA GAP project grant would not be cut until after the NCSBA Executive Committee meeting in December where they would review and approve the project; however, we need to purchase some of the equipment before then to ensure the new 5CBA apiary is properly equipped to go into Winter.

A motion was made by David Arnold that the club approve the purchase of any needed equipment to make the up proposed five hives for the new 5CBA Apiary, estimated at \$350 or less. Any money spent will be reimbursed from the \$700 GAP grant check when received.

Motion was seconded by Greg Wolgemuth. Discussion was requested however there was none. **Motion carried by show of hands.**

Queen Rearing Committee

David Arnold, chair of queen rearing committee, announced the other committee members Dr. Lane Kreitlow and Suzy Spencer. Anyone interested in participating next Spring should contact a committee member.

5CBA By-Laws

Gov announced two proposed changes to the 5CBA by-laws.

1. Reduction of Permanent Membership in the Chapter from \$200 to \$150 (ten times annual membership fee)
2. New policy for 5CBA booth. Club members can sell products of the hive only (honey, wax, etc.) but not the promotion of other business services/ventures/classes at the 5CBA booth. If the club is charged a special fee to allow products sales, members selling items will split that cost.

Nominating Committee

Gov announced the members of the 5CBA nominating committee for 2018 officers. They are Greg Wolgemuth (chair), Tim Huffman and Ed Paris. Please contact them about interest in any position you may have. No one can be elected without agreeing to serve. See our website/members only/5CBA by-laws to read duties for each position. All but directors may be co-shared.

Hive Increase Project (HIP) Update

Tim Huffman announced that the HIP continues to wind down and they have returned three sets of sponsor equipment along with their Nuc of bees. Efforts will continue through October.

State Fair Sign-up

Greg Wolgemuth, State Fair chair, reviewed 5CBA club sweepstakes categories still open. Greg mentioned we would try to choose club selections at October EC meeting (10/3/2017). Members were encouraged to bring their entries to that meeting if possible.

This Month in the Bee Yard

Tim Huffman reviewed tips for this month and next month.

- September - consider Fall splits, make sure you have a handle on mites
- October - colony growth slowing, very low chance of swarming, watch for robbing by wasps and other bees, switch any feeding to a 2 to 1 sugar syrup, lift back of hive to check weight, configure hive for winter (special attention to ventilation and moisture control)

Program

Having a Bee Plan for 2018

David Lehmann, a research investigator with the US EPA, outlined his project and app centered on honey bee health and welcomed 5CBA members to become a part of the research.

Clifton Seed Company

Blake Dexter, from Clifton Seed Company, outlined his company's line of heirloom and hybrid seeds. He also showcased his NC pollinator seed packs and offered a generous ¼ lb. sample to 5CBA members.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- Gov announced that we hope to have a mead class in the Fall. Tim and Candace will circulate list of materials once date is set (probably a Saturday after the State Fair). This will be a "hands on" make your own mead class.
- Gov announced members can now sign up for the NCSBA Honey Sales Booth.

- Door prize drawings were held.

Adjournment

Gov thanked those who bought door prizes, thanked everyone for coming, and then adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date of approval