
5CBA Meeting Minutes – October 2017

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Club Co-President Gov Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:11 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

None.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Suzy Spencer presented the Treasurer's report. The 5CBA balance as of 9/30/2017 was \$1,609.48.

Ongoing business

NCSBA Master Beekeeping Program

Suzy Spencer, spoke of behalf of Kim Underhill (NCSBA Regional Director), about the Master Beekeeping Program and presented a Certified Beekeeper Certificate to Magnus Ullberg and a Journeyman Beekeeper Certificate to David Arnold.

State Fair Booth and Sweepstakes

Greg Wolgemuth, State Fair chair, thanked all the volunteers who donated their time and entries to the 5CBA booth at the 2016 NC State Fair. He gave a recap of 5CBA's efforts and announced 5CBA won the 3rd place ribbon for the booth themed "Bounty of the Hive". He also commented that while not yet official, based on the ribbons displayed in the booth, he expected 5CBA to win the 1st place ribbon for the sweepstakes for the 2nd year in a row.

Special GAP Chapter of the Year T-Shirts

Kelly Allen, Chair of the special GAP T-shirt committee, took orders for the new 5CBA GAP Club of the Year t-shirts. She also will take orders at the November meeting.

Trunk or Treat

Tim Huffman announced that the Zebulon Trunk or Treat event coordinators were expecting more treats than the 200 honey bears previously approved.

A motion was made by Tim Huffman to spend up to \$125 for 1,000 honey straws for the Zebulon Trunk or Treat, with any leftover straws to be used at other events. Motion was seconded by Danny Alvarez. Discussion was requested however there was none. **Motion carried by show of hands.**

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 officers, except directors, may be co-held.

Hive Increase Project (HIP) Update

Tim Huffman announced that the HIP continues to wind down. They continue treating for mites and returning sponsor equipment along with their Nuc of bees. Gov Wallace explained that there was a need to purchase Apivar to treat the HIP hives (already purchased).

A motion was made by Craig Dupree to spend up to \$70 for the Apivar needed to treat the mites. Motion was seconded by Bill Lamb. Discussion was requested however there was none. **Motion carried by show of hands.**

This Month in the Bee Yard

Tim Huffman reviewed tips for this month and next month.

- 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)
- November - Bees will begin to cluster when temps drop to mid-50s, Varroa mites (with little brood, treatments can be highly effective), Small Hive Beetles (Beetles shut down reproduction in the winter, but can survive within the bee cluster. On warm days, the bees still will chase the beetles, so beetle traps can kill most, if not all, of the beetles over the winter.)

Program

European Foulbrood

A 10 to 15-minute video of Dr. Jaime Ellis from the Univ. of Florida discussing European and American Foulbrood was played. Afterwards, Dr. Lane Kreitlow presented a PowerPoint on European Foulbrood diagnosis and treatment options. Greg Wolgemuth shared his experience with getting a VFD (Veterinary Feed Directive) now required to purchase the antibiotic Terramycin if needed for treatment.

Announcements and Door Prizes

The following announcements were made:

- Gov announced that the “hands on” Mead Class will be Saturday, November 4th at the home of Candace and Danny Alvarez. If interested, place name on sign-up sheet on sign-in table up front so Tim can email you a list of equipment and ingredients.
- Beehive Grant Fund started accepting bids for hive equipment grants on October 16th. For details or to apply, go to <http://www.ncadfp.org/CycleXI.htm> and click on Beehive Grant Portal.
- Door prize drawings were held.

Adjournment

Gov thanked those who bought door prizes, thanked everyone for coming, and then adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date of approval