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# 5CBA Meeting Minutes – February 2018

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## Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held at The Lodge at Bennett Bunn Plantation on Tuesday February 20, 2018. Club Co-President Gov Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

## Approval of minutes

The December 2017 minutes, as posted on web site, were approved by general consensus. The January 2018 minutes, as posted on web site, were approved by general consensus.

## Reports

**Treasurer's Report** – David Holland presented the Treasurer's report. Money has been spent on the renewal of the Amazon website & maintenance fee. Income has come from membership renewals and bee school. The 5CBA balance as of 2/20/2018 was \$2604.00.

### 5CBA Renewal time:

Please contact Debbie or David Holland to renew, [dholland@31me.com](mailto:dholland@31me.com)

Individual membership is \$15.00

Family membership is \$20.00

### GAP T Shirts are in.

If you did not pick your shirt up at the meeting please contact Kelly at: [Kelly.Allen@baileybox.com](mailto:Kelly.Allen@baileybox.com)

### 5CBA Bee School – Feb 24, 2018

5CBA Bee School is full. People are on a waiting list & also being directed to other bee schools in the area.

**Annual 5CBA Picnic** – Has been scheduled for Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow.

**NCSBA meeting** is March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in New Bern, NC. You must be a NCSBA member to attend. If you are going to the conference & have not renewed your NCSBA membership you should renew directly on line.

see: [NCSBA.org](http://NCSBA.org) for information & registration.

If you are going to the conference you can order items from vendors & save on shipping by picking up at the conference.

Thursday there are extra events regarding the master beekeeper program.

Thursday you will also have the opportunity to “ask the experts”

### Born and Bred Queen Rearing Program

David Arnold: chairperson

Dana Stahlman: co – chairperson

Will start program in mid to late April and last 7 – 10 weeks.

Contact David Arnold @: [david@pacepdh.com](mailto:david@pacepdh.com), to be place on the list for the program.

**Members were offered the opportunity to be a Mentor, request a Mentor and / or be placed on the swarm list.** If you did not sign up on any of the lists & wish to be added please contact Candace at: [candaceal1@aol.com](mailto:candaceal1@aol.com). Let her know which list or lists to place you on.

## This Month in the Bee Yard

- Feed as needed
- Get equipment ready.

## Program: How to set swarm bait hives by Tim Sider

Tim is former President and current Vice-President of Tar Rivers Beekeepers and is a Journeyman Level Beekeeper from Pitt County. He is a partner in a commercial beekeeping operation that runs around 500 hives primarily for pollination contracts. Tim has been very successful with swarm bait hives catching over 75 swarms in his first 3 years.

Tim suggested you check the website: [BeeSource.com](http://BeeSource.com), as they have a large amount of information in the forum section on trapping & swarms.

Tim likes to use old abandoned houses or buildings to place his swarm traps. He suggested you check the GIS site (Geographical Information Systems) to locate the owner of the property & get permission to place your bait hive on their property.

He uses Lemongrass for bait. Cutting a plastic straw into 1 inch lengths, stuffs small amount of cotton in straw and drops lemongrass oil on the cotton until it is saturated. Then place the straw in the bait box, under the top bar, (this should last several months) (use 1 piece of straw per box) Do not put wax frames in your bait box, leave the frames empty. This way the bees will see a lot of space inside the box, and also have the frames to build on. Place 1 dark, stinky, frame of comb in box at either end of box. This will give the bees the “smell of home”.

**Door prize drawings were held.**

## Adjournment

Gov thanked those who bought door prizes, thanked everyone for coming, and then adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7 PM.

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Secretary

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Date of approval