



5CBA Meeting Minutes April 19, 2022

Call to order

A meeting of the 5CBA was held via ZOOM and Live at Bunn Bennett Plantation on April 19, 2022. Club President Dianne Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Reports

Apiary Report – Tim updated on the apiary and reported we had had a lot of swarming so wondering how much honey we would be getting.

Treasurer's Report – Jesse gave an update on the Treasury – currently \$6245.50 in the bank with 95 memberships

Announcements

Bee Jubilee and other Volunteer events- Bee Jubilee will be in June if you are interested it would be a great opportunity to volunteer and talk about bees. The public libraries have reached out and are interested in having someone come give an informal talk on bees.

Hive Monitoring & Sentinel Project- Anya gave updates and described Sentinel Project

GAP Award & Prizes- Dianne described GAP award and plans for apiary, see prizes at the front of the room after meeting, some will be door prizes!

May Meeting - Safety in the Apiary.

Program

Steve Amerige did a presentation on gardening. It is important to **Acquire** basic knowledge such as the difference between annuals (1year), biennials (2years) and perennials (3-15year plants). As well as knowing what kind of plant you want. Even the best gardeners will lose about 20% of their plants. You also need the tools to help you garden. In the 2021 Spring Bee Buzz there is a great list of pollinator plants. He discussed the importance of observing (sun etc) **Acting** and then **Reacting**. Next is **Maintaining** your goals, plants and knowledge. It is also important to ensure you have good soil and to get this you can compost, crop rotation and use erosion management. Steve also discussed that he will be starting a gardening SIG so watch for more information on this to be coming out in the coming months.

Adjournment

Dianne thanked everyone for coming, and then adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled on May 17th, with the social beginning at 6:30 PM.