



5CBA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Nov 1, 2022

Call to order

A meeting of the Five County Beekeepers Association's Executive Committee was held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Dianne Saunders at 6:30 PM.

Attendees

Included Dianne Saunders (President), Anya McGuirk (Vice President), Jessica King (Secretary), Lane Kreitlow (Education Director), Ted Cashwell (Director), Keith McLaurin (Director), Tina Bryant (Director), Jesse Goslen (Treasurer), Brandon Ellis (Webmaster), Magnus (website), Gov Wallace, Tim Huffman, and guest Shannon Baxter

Agenda Item Discussion and Actions

Bee City USA

Shannon Baxter is proposing to Zebulon that they pursue the designation of Bee City USA and they would like to have a couple organization making commitments prior to approving the go ahead. She is asking for a soft commitment from 5CBA that we will participate and yearly put on some form of bee education to the town of Zebulon. This could be 5cba participating by having a booth for a day at the Town farmers market or as big as we would like to go such as a day celebration. The event is up to us. We would have the support of the municipality and could coordinate to use the complex and equipment such as tents, tables and chairs if needed. For the board to move forward they will need to make a declaration, have a pesticide commitment, several planting commitments, have something beekeeping happening in town and submit the application and fee. The EC agreed to look at our current commitments, discuss this with the club and have an answer to Shannon by the 1st quarter of next year.

Action items

- Shannon will send the powerpoint and link to Bee City to Dianne
- Tim has agreed to Chair and lead this committee if we move forward
- We will take it to the club meeting for discussion

Programs 2022:

- Nov – George McAllister on the 3 frame Queen Castle
- December – Christmas Dinner – Some ideas are to do dirty santa, have a pot luck and send out a sign up for categories. Club will provide the plate, napkins and drinks.
 - o Tim will check with Stephanie to see if it is possible to do the meeting on the 13th in December
 - o Will ask the club if they prefer the 13th or 20th for this months meeting.
- Jan – Rick Coor – Coming and talking about the endowment and what he does for bees. Also another speaker will be speaking about veteran's and beekeepers.

- We need to talk about how much we want to pay club speakers and need to start planning for next years speakers in terms of getting topics that novice and experienced beekeepers would enjoy.
- Another idea is to teach people to know what to share in an outreach program as one of our monthly programs.

Ideas for future.

- Pollinating Plants- Phil Crump
- Queen Rearing- Dana Stahlman
- 5 Apple Farm- treatment free in NC- Lee Knott
- Starting a Bee Business- products of hive, entrepreneur
- Practical Beekeeping for the Hobbyist
- Intermediate level equipment
- Bloopers & Bad Beekeeping Stories
- Mushrooms & Bees
- Types of Hive

Gap Program update – The Thingy and solar panel are up and working. The long land and hive 4 are having difficulty pulling data so we may need to look at moving the thingy a bit to pick them up better. The scales are calibrated but having difficulty getting them to pick up on.

Action Items

- Tim and Anya to work on getting the scales to communicate
- Tim will talk to Dave about where we can move the post
- Anya will talk to Theo about the difficulty in setting everything up and the distance from the hub.

Newsletter Topics

1. Spotlight on a member – Contact Jessica if you have suggestions.
2. Make sure to remind people about refreshments and door prizes
3. Bylaws and voting in the newsletter
4. Officer voting including floor nominations and think about co-positions. In nov we will nominate and vote
5. Bee pond will be ready to plant fall plants if you want to contribute.
6. Bee City USA

Treasury – Jesse needs to know where to spend last months speaker check. Anya will get him Theo's info. Jesse will write George a check at the Nov meeting once he knows the final amount (club agreed to cover up to \$225 of his travel expenses). Jesse also mailed the \$600 for the Club support.

Officers – Tim has talked to Chris about taking on Vice President. The nominating committee currently has their list and will take nominations from the floor.

Apiary update

1. Tim has about 15 bottles of honey left
2. Need to go out around the 20th to remove the apivar strips because that is about 42days after we put them. Will check screen bottoms at that time.
3. Apiary projects
 - a. Sensor project we are working on figuring out the hub and scales.
 - b. Discussed that the Apiary committee is Tim, Jessica and Gov and Tina
 - c. Bee pond is ready for fall plants (put in newsletter) they need to be pollinator plants
 - d. Need to clear out the extra hives and bring the number down which means gathering up nucs for the bee school (will not advertise just see what makes it through the winter). Want the apiary down to 6 main hives with a queen castle as back up
 - i. Keith agreed with giving a couple away but not to everyone.
 - ii. Need to hold one hive for Julie to pick up in the spring
 - iii. Jesse suggested we could sell to club members for \$150

SIGs –

Gardening SIG is on hold till February. Jesse volunteered that if for some reason Steve was not able to pick it back up he would like to head this SIG.

Hive Monitoring SIG did not meet in Oct bc Theo was the speaker for the monthly meeting

TShirts –

Steve has been redoing the art work for the Tshirts. He decided to redo it himself because the original did not provide enough resolution. Lane recommended we use the original logo, Jessica discussed that Chris was able to print t-shirts for the fair with the original logo and cheaper. It was agreed that we should not redo the logo and continue to use the original logo.

Action Items:

- Tim will talk with Sapony Creek about using their person for the Tshirts
- Dianne will let Steve know we are moving in a different direction on the Tshirts

By Laws and Policy Document– A few edits were made to raise the \$50 EC limit up to \$100 a month that the EC can spend without first getting club approval with a total of \$600 a year. Page 8 has a new section relating to club policies and maintained by the EC and reviewed yearly. The By Laws will be posted on the website as well.

Action Item – Dianne to send final copies of by laws and policy to Jessica to add to the newsletter.

State Fair – Tim will bring all the items to the Nov meeting to distribute. It was discussed what to do with the mead as Tim and Danny agreed the club could use the unopened bottles as door prizes and use the open ones as samples. Also discussed that the committee went over budget by \$60. Discussed that it will be explained to the club and we will make a proposal to cover the overage

Action Items

- Tim to bring unopened bottles of mead as Nov door prizes
- Tim to bring opened bottles to Dec meeting as sampling bottles

- Make a proposal at the Nov Club meeting to cover the \$60 that the committee went over budget.

Bee School

Some edits need to be made to the website and to make the bee school link active. Bee School will take place on Feb 18th. It was determined to raise the cost to \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. We will hold a waitlist. If someone cancels and we can fill it with a waitlist then they can get their money back. If there is no one on the waitlist and someone cancels they do NOT get their money back. Tim will chair the food committee. Age limit of 12 with a parent was also discussed. It was also agreed that we start taking the money now when the people sign up rather than gathering the money in Jan.

Action Items

- Tim to see if the membership can help with food
- Tim to reach out to Andrea about thoughts on gathering Bee School money

Microphones – Dianne working with Daniel on trying to find some microphones we can test before we purchase.

Email Software– Jessica still testing it and practicing with Send in Blue

Engage New Member - 11-19-22 will be doing the mead making class and there are 4 spots left. Discussed champagne yeast vs Fleashmans yeast. Tim has the jugs and airlocks. Also discussed the Educational Curriculum development with the other bee clubs. Jesse updated EC that Stephanie is interested in being a part of this.

Action Item

- Tim will send out a supply list to those who have signed up
- Tim is going to go to Johnston County to listen to Johns talk

Secretary

Date of approval

The executive committee meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th 2022.