

030917 MHB Club Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017

McDowell Honeybees Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2017

Called to order by Ed Speer at 6:33 pm

Business meeting:

Minutes approved as is from February Meeting - Lynn made motion that we accept, Barb seconded, all in favor

Treasurer report

- As of 3/1/17 6391.88
- Bee school - \$4751.50
- Only one person for wellness program
- 65 paid memberships
- All honey bottles sold
- Donated hives all sold
- No questions from club re: treasurer report

Committees

Bee School

- 31 adults took written exam with 30 passing
- Field day April 22 , 11am - 3pm - all club members invited. Lunch \$5 /adult, kids eat free
- Sweet Betsy Farm, Glenwood
- Email karen@sweetbetsyfarm.com for more info

Wellness Program

Honeybee Wellness Program Criteria

Survivor stock is defined as bees which were overwintered without a treatment in the previous season. Additional bees which are eligible for the program are those which are direct descendants of bees which were not treated in the previous season. This definition applies to purchase of queens, bees and hives

Currently Approved Suppliers:

Ray Revis
Charles Revis
Adam Wright
Bill Hendley
Ed and Karen Speer

Discussion around new FDA labelling about rotation of at least three different miticides if you are going to treat your bees.

GAP - Golden Achievement Program

- Application submitted 3/4/17
- 10 applications had been submitted at that time
- Results announced in July

Executive Committee

- Next meeting Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30pm
- Review of first draft of revised by-laws started

Calendar/club presentations

- Bill is working to get presenters scheduled for the year.

Old Business

- NCSBA - Bred and Born in NC - Queen rearing program - both sold out

New Business

- Lewis Cauble is giving sugar roll demos to quantify mite counts the second Saturday of each month April - October
- Sharlene is giving presentation next month on managing and preventing swarms
- Spring meeting was held last weekend in Rock Hill, NC., a few members participated.
- Summer meeting is the weekend of 7/13 - 7/15, 2017 in Winston Salem and is the 100th anniversary of NCSBA

New Meeting Attendees

- Large number of new attendees welcomed to club

7:00 pm Ed calls business section of meeting to a close. Chuck makes motion we adjourn, Jim A. seconds.

Program - Honeys of the World by Kim and Jillian from Asheville Bee Charmer with tasting

7:15 pm Break for Refreshments

8:25 pm Door Prizes/Announcements

Minutes submitted by Karen Speer, Secretary