

041317 MHB Club Meeting

Thursday April 13, 2017

McDowell Honeybees Monthly Meeting
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Called to order by Ed Speer at 6:33 pm
Jill Read substituting for K. Speer

Business meeting:

Minutes approved as is from March Meeting - Irene made motion that we accept, Jacob seconded, all in favor

Treasurer report

- As of 4/1, total is \$6407.31
- Wellness program: 1 family has participated
- 57 paid memberships
- Other notes: State certificates are in. See Jim Austin
- 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

GAP - Golden Achievement Program

- No Updates, Results announced in July

Honey House - Door was left open a few weeks ago - please make certain everything is closed up tightly when you leave.

Executive Committee

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

Calendar/club presentations

- Next meeting is at the Honey House. Meet at 6:30pm, bring a lawn chair. Topic will be equipment demos.
- Bill Hendley giving presentation to a local civic group next Monday.
- August 9th - McDowell County Library presentation 2-3:30 pm. See Ed if you are interested in helping out.

Apiary

- 4 hives are running, Need supplies. Motion made by Don to spend \$500 on woodenware, seconded by Jacob. Approved by membership

Old Business

Summer meeting is the weekend of 7/13 - 7/15, 2017 in Winston Salem and is the 100th anniversary of NCSBA. Conference rates currently available for hotel at \$125/night

New Business

NC State Beekeepers Cookbook to celebrate 100th anniversary. Money raised will benefit the new bee lab at NC State. Motion made for club to purchase 20 copies at \$20 each to resell by Jim A., seconded by Lynn. Approved by membership. Cookbooks should be available by mid-July.

IRS Update:

Club is not covered by the tax status of the State Association. 2 options:

1. Do Nothing
2. Get EIN and file tax returns
 - i. ? If checkbook is kept to less than \$5K, then might not need to file taxes.
3. Input from Irene: Newcomers group o having the same challenges. The application to apply for a tax exempt status is 26 pages plus supporting documents. The bank is supposed to ok the account.
4. Please give ed ideas if you have them

New Meeting Attendees

- o Large number of new attendees welcomed to club

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

Break for Refreshments

Program - Charlene Covert-Foster - Preventing Spring Swarms

8:25 pm Door Prizes/Announcements

Minutes submitted by Jill Read for Karen Speer, Secretary