

011118 MHB Club Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018

McDowell Honeybees Monthly Meeting
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Called to order by Ed Speer at 6:35pm

Treasurer report

\$4459.82 on 12/31/17 (including \$81.40 in petty cash)
74 paid 2017 individual/family memberships (including 4 lifetime members)
6 members applied for Wellness program rebate
Currently collecting membership dues for 2018
 \$7 individual/ \$10 for Household
 \$15 for state membership either online or get form from Jim,
Yes/ No questions from club re: treasurer report

Bee School

- Bee School - Feb 3, 10 and 10 - starts at 8:30
- Over 60 students have registered, we would like 90
- **If you anticipate having bees to sell in 2018**, please email Karen at karen@sweetbetsyfarm.com **by 1/19** so it is included on list in workbooks
- Workshops are the 10th - lunch provided for volunteers - dietary needs email Karen
- Donations for door prizes and silent auction to Deb Austin
- Textbooks have been ordered and will be ready to sell to students
- Donations from suppliers have been requested
- Flyers - please distribute
- Facebook sharing - please share notice on FB page on your personal pages
- Volunteer signup - still need volunteers for workshops
- Club members don't register unless they want a seat in the room

July NCSBA meeting will be in Flat Rock - will discuss whether we should cancel the meeting in favor of members.

NCSBA may have lost your certification data for 2012 - 2014. If you have your certificate, make a copy and see Ed to ensure that it is recorded at the state level.

Committees

Executive Committee - had meeting on Tuesday

Reviewed planned calendar for year. Don has done a great job with lining up speakers

Programs - Don Miller

Program calendar development is in process. Still looking for a few speakers. If you are interested or have an idea, contact Don Miller

Two honey tastings scheduled for normally scheduled club meetings - June and September

GAP - Golden Achievement Program

Jill will be chairing for 2018

MTCC Apiary - Need Chair

See Ed if you are interested in helping to manage the apiary

Honey House - Adam Wright

Currently closed for the season. Once it warms up, the water will be turned back on and the honey house can be used

Floor tiles removed to watch status of wetness
Bill submitted original receipt for purchase of un-capper.

Hospitality - Lynn Bradley

Please see Lynn if you are interested in helping out with the hospitality committee and if you are willing to bring refreshments.

Mentoring Program

Mentoring Committee - Stephanie Wilds
Match new club members in March with mentors

Beekeeper Education - Karen Speer

Plans being made for Journeyman education to prep for testing at July NCSBA Summer meeting

Website - Karen Speer

- Update being made on website site to include a form to fill out to store your community service hours. For now, it will be a manual process to extract the data so please see Karen Speer if/when you need a report.
- 2018 Calendar will be posted in next week or two

Honeybee Wellness

- Program has been in place for 2 years to encourage club members to purchase bees with optimal genetics
- Any club member can apply for up to \$20 reimbursement for queens, nucs or packages as long as they come from an approved supplier. If you have a question as to whether your purchase is reimbursable, contact a board member.

New Business:

Bill Hendley will be holding an advanced beekeeping program for 20 attendees the last three Saturdays in June (16, 23 and 30). Registration will be held via the McDowell County NC Extension Office and there will be a fee to cover the written materials and other expenses. Bill H. provided an overview of the agenda for meeting attendees.

Business portion of the meeting closed at
Jim A makes motion we adjourn , Jacob seconds, all in favor

Minutes submitted by Karen Speer, Secretary