

# 091417 MHB Honeybees

McDowell Honeybees Monthly Meeting  
September 14, 2017

Called to order by Ed Speer at 6:34 pm

## Business meeting:

Minutes approved as is from August Meeting -Bill H. Motion to approve, Jacob Seconds, all approved

## Treasurer report

As of 9/1, total is \$4941.25

Major expenditures -

\$180 for Pollen Analysis

\$400 for Cookbooks

## Committees

Beekeeper education - Karen Speer - 2018 Chairperson

Bee School planning is starting, Dates not finalized yet, Volunteer Signup coming

\$1500 budget approved

MTCC Apiary - 3 hives at Sweet Betsy Farm -

Honey House - Adam W

Water is shut off November 1

Clean up date - Adam W. to check to see if it is needed and will ask for volunteers

Community outreach (2017)

Hospitality - Lynn B.

Social Media - Karen S.

The McDowell Honeybees FB group now has 89 members

NCSBA has two facebook pages

Closed group for discussions - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/497439050589347/>

State informational page - <https://www.facebook.com/ncbeekeepers/>

Newsletters - Ed S.

Nominating Committee - see officer or director if you're interested in serving

Committee will gather list of interested club members and ballot will also have room for write-in candidates

## New Business

- <https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/north-carolina-beehive-grant-fund>
  - Applications accepted starting October 16, 2017, first come first serve
  - Must be Certified, Journeyman or Master Beekeeper through NCSBA and include copy of certificate
- North American mite-a-thon this week:
  - Voluntary survey across North America
  - <http://www.mitecheck.com>
- Next Executive Board meeting November 7
- October Meeting Oct 11 - Forage Plants for Honeybees - Ed S.
- Mtn Glory Festival, Marion, NC - October 14 - \$70 for booth for civic groups
  - Need Volunteers - Signup sheet
  - We will have an observation hive
  - Honey Bottling Day - September 23 - 10am - Honey house - need 3-4 volunteers
- Orr Bee Supply/ Deena Wade - Jack's Mountain Preserve and Golf Course
  - Beekeeping Class - October 14, 21 and 28 - \$50/person including lunch
  - 828-407-9369 for more info
- NCSBA Cookbooks - \$25
- Beekeeping Equipment Raffle - \$1 each/ 6 for \$5

- Wild Mtn Bees is hiring
- NCSBA Fall Regional Master Beekeeping Program testing
  - East - October 7 - New Bern
  - West - October 21 - Wilkesboro
- Michael Bush Presentation - Burnesville, NC Sat. September 30, 1pm - 3pm
  - Toe Cane Beekeepers - 6 S. Main Street
  - Parking is limited, festival in process
- November Meeting Nov 9 - Potluck and Election of 2018 officers
- Charles makes motion we close the meeting, Jim seconds
- Business Meeting Closed at:7:03pm

Break for Honey Tasting/Voting

7:30 Seasonal Beekeeping - Ray Revis

8:15 pm Door Prizes/Announcements/Honey Tasting Awards/ Raffle

Honey Tasting

1st place - Russell Schmidt - donated prize back to club for clubs apiary

2nd place - Sharon and Keith Fairchild

3rd place - Jada Fairchild

All three samples will be sent to Texas A&M for pollen analysis

Minutes submitted by Karen Speer, Secretary