

## **OABeeA Minutes**

### **Regular Monthly Meeting January 30th, 2014**

The regular January meeting of OABeeA was held at Fordham's Farmhouse restaurant in Statesboro, Georgia, on January 30th, 2014. The meeting was called to order around 5:45pm by President Brent Tharp. Secretary John Dyal was absent for the first half of the meeting, minutes compiled with input from Brent Tharp and Rhett Kelley .

The meeting was attended by about 27 people.

### **Education Committee**

Brent called for volunteers interested in serving on an Education committee, which would:

1. coordinate developing text and photos for a sign to go along with the hive at the garden.
2. coordinate volunteers to interpret the hive and beekeeping at the Garden's Spring Festival,
3. and consider other educational opportunities

### **Future Meetings**

Brent announced that next month's presenter would be Keith Fielder, speaking on "Spring Splits." He said the April meeting would hopefully be held at the Botanical Garden featuring the club hive. Also, a small discussion group program is in the works; the membership will be surveyed for topics for this soon.

The regular raffle was held.

Brent promoted OABeeA membership and discussed the calendars donated by the Dehoffs.

### **Presentation**

The speaker was Bill Owens, who is currently the only Georgia Master Craftsman Beekeeper. Bill's talk was both entertaining and very informative. He covered many areas of honeybee management, including:

- Queen introduction and marking
- Feeding
- Splits
- Swarm prevention.
- Tips for keeping track of needed interventions during apiary inspections

The meeting was adjourned at the close of Bill's talk.

### **Resource Link**

The Mettlers shared a link to a Monsanto web page where bloom time for various weed in our area could be found:

<http://weedalert.com/>

