

January 28, 2016 Ogeechee Area Beekeepers Association General Meeting Minutes

Location: The Boiling Shrimp

Presiding: John Dyal

Attending: 19 Members, 5 visitors

Start time: 6:10

Announcements

- future meetings will be at RJs
- if members are not receiving the club emails, they need to go to the website and sign up for them
- Bobby Colson will be taking orders for bee packages and nucs
- Last month's field trip was at Bobby Colson's bee yard,
- Next field trip will be March 19 @ John Dyal's, topic: Assembling Your Equipment & Top Bar Hives
- OABeeA Beekeeping 101 Class, March 5, at Trinity Baptist Church, Nevills, GA. 8 AM – 1 PM. Registration is \$10 and includes a sandwich lunch. Email Bobby Colson at bandghoneyfarm@gmail.com or Nancy Baker at thekibblegoddess@aol.com to register.
 - We need a few volunteers to help with set up, check-in, lunch, and tear-down.
- Bee Day, February 20th. Tillman, Brannen & Minick Farm Supply. Contact Ms. Jenna at (912) 764-6204 for more information
- FUNdamentals of Beekeeping, February 27th, at Oatland Island. Contact CEBA at www.cebeekeeping.com to register.
- Our speaker for our February meeting is Wendy Adams on Health from the Hive.
- Our Joel Howard will be competing in the International Mead Competition at the Savannah Brewers on February 6th, and he is requesting items for their raffle.
- Joel Howard asked if there was any interest in seeing if we could get Michael Bush to speak.
- Wendy Adams announced that they have chemical-free nucs for sale, \$165

Reports

- Treasurer's Report
 - Paul reported that for the October – December we had \$223 in, \$\$505 out, and our account balance is \$4,364.73.
- School Hives
 - Bobby reported that the Kiwanis' have budgeted \$1,500 for the school hive program and are looking for 2 more schools to add to the program. They also want to meet with the current school hive mentors

- Paul reported that vandals destroyed the remaining hive at Claxton High School over the Christmas break. He took the equipment home with him, and they will try again in the spring. The teacher is very discouraged.
- Gary reported that one hive at Screven County High School is dead, and the other is doing well.
- Prison Hive
 - Paul reported that he visited the prison in December with Bear Kelly for a presentation. The inmates were using an old sheet for a projector screen. Paul wanted to know if the club could spring for a proper projection screen for them. We would have to have permission from the prison first.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Presentation by Bobby Colson, Things To Do With Bees This Time Of Year.

Final notes: Nancy reminded members to please return their name tags to the back table.

(I didn't mark when we adjourned, but it was after 6:50 when Bobby gave his presentation).

Next Meeting:

Adjourned: