

Ogeechee Area Beekeepers Association

Executive Meeting, January 14, 2016

Location: McAllisters

Attending: Bobby Colson
Brent Tharp
Joel Howard
Nancy Baker
John Dyal

Old Business:

- Name tags: Nancy should have tags for Members with their dues paid for the next meeting
- Bee Order: Bobby Colson is taking orders now on a first come/first served basis. A \$25 down payment will hold your order. Packages are \$85 with a marked queen. Delivery will be in April, weather permitting.
- Sugar Order: Tillman Brannen & Minick is offering sugar @.40/lb, so instead of doing a sugar sale, we will be directing beeks to TBM.
- Who will plan programs?:
 - Speakers – Bobby Colson
 - Field Days – board, membership
 - Beginners' Classes – Nancy & Anyone who wants to contribute!

New business:

Streamlining meetings

- Times: 5 – 6 raffle tickets for sale, with last call at 5:50, drawing when?
6- 7 meeting
- Place: RJs
- Streamlining food ordering: RJs agreed to have a table set up at the entrance so members could place their orders and pay as they arrive. No orders to be taken after 6. Orders will be brought out and names called. After 5:45, stand in the back to await your order. No Blue-Plate Special is available at night, so menus will be available for perusal.
- Order of meeting: presentation to precede business portion of meeting only when speaker is from out of town and needs to get back on the road.
 - o A schedule for the speaker's honorarium was discussed, and the current mileage rate was chosen. I think the current rate is \$.54/mile.

Field Days and Classes:

- Recap of Bobby's field day: Good turnout, group leaders were knowledgeable and spoke well
- Looking ahead: We should try to have a field day monthly, either at a member's bee yard or at the club hive at the Botanical Gardens. I would assume that as keeper of the calendar, I'm responsible for scheduling these with the board. Whoever is hosting the field day will set up the educational material to be

covered at that field day. Whoever does the inspection at the member's yard will set up the educational material to be covered there. I will coordinate other board members to set up the educational material to be covered at the club's hive at the Botanical Gardens.

- Georgia Master Beekeeper's Classes: Bobby has the info on these, but the board should be recruiting members to take the classes. We need at least one Journeyman level beekeeper in the club.