

OABeeA Minutes

Annual Business & Regular Monthly Meeting, July 31st, 2014

The annual business and regular July meeting of OABeeA was held at Fordham's Farmhouse restaurant in Statesboro, Georgia, on July 31st, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm, with President Brent Tharp presiding, and Secretary John Dyal recording.

The meeting was attended by 37 people.

Raffle

Items included:

Honey

Bird house

Lip balm

Honey straws (BetterBee)

Entrance reducer

Bottom board beetle trap

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report for the past year was presented by Treasurer Paul Peterson (see attachment). In the following brief discussion Mark Mettler said he might be able to provide storage for the club's equipment cheaper than the current storage unit.

Presentation

There was no regular presentation, but Stephon Price from the Extension Service spoke to the club about helping to develop an educational program at the Donald H. Smith State Prison in Glennville, Ga, the goal being to enable inmates to achieve certification through the Ga Master Beekeeper's Program. The club would provide volunteer instructors and materials, etc. The club decided to pursue this, and **Rhett Kelley agreed to be the contact person for this project.**

At the end of the meeting, Bobby Colson spoke on dusting hives with baking soda to treat small hive beetles. He said he had recently been told about this technique and was beginning to experimenting with it. He showed a bottom board from a treated hive that had a couple of dead beetles on it.

Business

Action Point

A question was raised about all club officers standing for reelection at the same time. It was expressed that the current policy did not provide for continuity of leadership. In the discussion that followed solutions were offered, such as staggering officers' terms and the past presidents continuing on the executive committee. Brent said the executive committee would deal with this problem.

Election of Officers

Brent asked if there was anyone besides the current officers who were willing to run for an office. No one responded. Mark Mettler motioned to reelect the current officers. Agreement was

unanimous.

Officers elected for the 2014-2015 year:

President - Brent Tharp

Vise President - Rhett Kelley

Treasurer - Paul Peterson

Secretary - John Dyal

School observation hive committee

The observation hive for schools project was brought up and discussed. It was stated that Bee Cause has paperwork on their website to deal with the liability issues.

Volunteers for a committee for this project were:

-Mark Mettler

-Taylor Watts

-Arnulfo Martinez

Garden hive committee

Care of the hive at the Botanical Garden was discussed. It was suggested that hive inspections could be used as a training time for newbees, and **that a calender page on the website showing when inspections were scheduled would be good.**

Volunteers for this committee were:

-Paul Cerpovicz

-Arnulfo Martinez

-Mark Mettler

-Barbara Weid

-Beth and Chuck Rushing

-Wallace Brown

Brent asked everyone to make suggestions for beekeeping materials for the club to place in the Statesboro Library.

Brent reminded everyone of the sugar in small bags that the club offered for sale, and said that Bobby Colson also had sugar available for those who needed it in larger volumes. Bobby said he could get sugar in 1500lb totes at about \$0.20 a pound.

It was announced that August meeting would be held at the usual time and place, and the speaker would be David Arnal. John Dyal asked the members if they would like David to speak on maximizing honey production or give a more hobbyist-focused presentation. Maximum honey was answered.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.