

OABeeA Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting December 10th, 2013

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at McAllister's Deli in Statesboro, Georgia, on December 10th, 2013. President Brent Tharp presiding, Secretary John Dyal recording.

All of the OABeeA officers attended:

Brent Tharp
Rhett Kelley
Paul Peterson
John MacDonald
John Dyal

Paul presented the latest membership list and Treasurer's Report. The balance was \$589.00

Rhett reminded that GEBA is soliciting articles for their newsletter, "Spilling the Honey." He also mentioned GEBA's efforts to set up a bee wreck plan.

Decisions

- New members will only receive a page on OABees.com if they want one, and the unused pages that have already been made will be removed.
- Dues will be prorated for new members after January 1st by 50%.
- OABeeA's current meeting place is good.
- \$50 honorarium for speakers who come from a distance to defray traveling costs.
- GEBA newsletter can be forwarded to our members.

Actionable

- Rhett will email Bear Kelley about the check that GEBA was supposed to send OABeeA.

Speakers for the first three meetings are set:

- January, Bill Owens – Tips and Tricks
- February, Keith Fielder – Spring Splits
- March, Slade Jaret – Showing Honey

Questions

- ***Should the April meeting be a "hands on" at the Club Hive at the Botanical Garden? Timed to coincide with the Garden's festival?***
- Should the Club host a honey show? On a Saturday? At the Ogeechee Kiwanis Fair? Could the Club make some money on this?
- Could the Club have a club tank for HFCS?
- Since there are no meetings in November and December, should there be a Social then?

Ideas for Future Meetings

- Panel on moneymaking with bees.
- Breaking up into small groups with an experienced beekeeper for discussion.
- Get Keith Deleplane or Jeniffer Berry as speakers.
- Patrick Wilbanks- Bobby Colson should be the contact.
- Gary Weaver for moneymaking pannel.

Actionable

- Survey members for topics for small groups or speakers.

The Executive Committee will meet again shortly before the first regular meeting of the year.