

## **OABeeA Minutes**

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

The regular October meeting of OABeeA was held at Fordham's Farmhouse restaurant in Statesboro, Georgia, on October 30th, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by President Bren Tharp, with Secretary John Dyal recording.

The meeting was attended by around 43 people, including 5 first time visitors.

#### **Raffle**

The raffle was held, quite a few items had been donated.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Paul Peterson presented the treasurer's report: Income for September was \$909, expenses \$419, net income \$489. Checking account balance at the end of September was \$4900.15

Brent reminded everyone that there would not be a regular meeting till January. He also discussed the social get-to-gather that would be December 6th. After discussion the time to meet was set for 11:00 am until.

#### **Prison Report**

Rhett Kelley brought a jar of honey produced by the inmates displaying their label. He said it encourages the wardens for outside folks to come and help. He also said that in an Illinois prison beekeeping program only 4% of those going through the program returned to prison.

Bobby Colson reported on the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair. He said 74,000 people went through on Saturday. He thanked those who had helped with the bee station. He said he had a top bar hive on display also. He told that the first honey show had been held, it was not Welsh judged. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the 4H entries.

#### **School Hive Project**

Brent said that Southeast Bullock had approved having a hive, and there would meeting with them soon.

#### **Garden Hive**

Brent said it looked good. He had donated a veil and jacket to the Garden.

#### **Presentation**

The speaker was Bear Kelley, President of the Georgia Beekeeper's Association. He spoke on what GBA does and the benefits of being a member.

Brent reminded everyone to leave tips for the waitresses. He also reminded that the next meeting would be the holiday social on December 6th, 2014, at George L Smith State Park.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

