



## Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

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**President Rick Queen** opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

**HAYWOOD COUNTY BEEKEEPERS CHAPTER RECOGNITION:** Our chapter was recognized at this year's NC State Beekeepers Association State meeting for our \$250.00 contribution made to Dr. David Tarpy's bee research program. A total of \$17,000.00 was gifted to Dr. Tarpy's bee research program by various beekeeper chapters.

**STATE MEETING:** Those present who attended this year's State meeting shared with the group some of the high points of the meeting.

**BLOOM REPORT:** We are entering into a dearth period; however, a few plants are blooming, which include Joe Pye Weed, Phlox, and Primrose. It is unclear if bees are attracted to Primrose.

As the honey season winds down, we need to reduce entrances on weak hives to discourage robbing activity.

Rick Queen cautioned everyone to be sure to harvest Sourwood honey prior to the time that Goldenrod begins to bloom so that Goldenrod does not get mixed in.

**HONEY HOUSE:** Bill Skelton reported that the cost to repair electrical problems in the Honey House will be approximately \$180.00 for the cost of materials. A retired licensed electrician will do the work. Tyree Kiser made a motion to take the repair costs from our club treasury and proceed with the electrical repairs. This motion was seconded by several members and, after a very brief discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

For those unfamiliar with the Honey House, Bill explained about the location and equipment available to members for the extraction process.

**HAYWOOD COUNTY FAIR SCHOOL DAY** is scheduled for Friday, August 24, 2018, from 8:30 AM until approximately 1:45-2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed for these educational sessions, which rotate every 10 minutes. Anyone willing to volunteer should contact Bill Skelton.

**ENTRIES FOR THE HAYWOOD COUNTY FAIR** will be accepted August 21, 2018. Our club will donate \$200.00 to be awarded as prizes in the honey competition. Rick and Bill explained the honey categories.

**DOOR PRIZES** were awarded, which included a \$15.00 gift certificate from Honey and the Hive, formerly known as Wild Mountain Bees; a \$15.00 gift certificate from K.T.'s Orchard and Apiary, a 1-pound bag of Buckwheat seed, and some beekeeping t-shirts.

Rich Byers announced the upcoming **Field Day and pot-luck supper** to be held Saturday, **August 11, 2018**, beginning at 3:00 PM. We will meet at the Extension Office for a brief presentation on varroa mite control by **NC State Apiary Inspector-Lewis Cauble**, then we will go across the road for a live demonstration of the sugar roll method for monitoring mite levels, followed by a pot-luck supper back at the Extension Office.

- Bring your protective clothing for the sugar roll demonstration and a covered dish to share at the pot-luck supper.

Rich Byers introduced this month's speaker, **Lewis Cauble, Apiary Inspector with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**, who gave a very informative and detailed review on the diseases and pests that plague our colonies and strategies to keep them healthy.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for **September 04, 2018, at 7:00 PM**. Our speaker will be Dave Cowart, who will give a presentation on winter preparation for colonies – feeding and building brood.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully,

Cindy G. Way, *Secretary*