



## Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

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**June 05, 2018**

**President Rick Queen** opened the meeting and offered a special “Thank You” to Rich Byers for the great job he did on this month’s “Beginner’s Corner,” which was held from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Rick noted the great turnout for the “Beginner’s Corner,” which showcased equipment and information on *Getting the Good Stuff: Honey Extraction*.

The Club was honored to welcome several guests. We look forward seeing them again at future meetings and hope they will join our Club.

**Door Prizes** were given. Several items were donated by one of the members of our Board of Directors, Spencer Huggins. Also, gift cards were donated by Kathy Taylor of KT’s Orchard and Apiary, and by Sarah McKinney of Wild Mountain Bees.

The **North Carolina State Beekeepers Association Summer Meeting** is scheduled for July 19, 20 and 21, 2018, at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock. Registration information may be found on the NCSBA website at [www.ncbeekeepers.org](http://www.ncbeekeepers.org).

Volunteers who would like to help sell NCSBA t-shirts will be eligible for free admission. Anyone interested in volunteering in that regard should contact President Rick Queen.

**NC State University Research Lab - Entomology Program:** Rich Byers read a letter from North Carolina State Beekeepers Association President Rick Coor to the Haywood County Beekeepers Club. The contents of that letter is as follows:

*Dear Haywood County Beekeepers:*

*I am writing this letter to share with you some news that Dr. Tarpy informed me of during a recent conversation. His apiculture program will soon take delivery of a brand new work truck. The color of the truck will be NC State red of course and will be used by his lab technician Jennifer Keller or his research associates. This purchase was made possible from monies donated to his program from the NCSBA. I was very proud to receive this news and, as President, to represent the individuals in the NCSBA who made this possible.*

*Dr. Tarpy pointed out that grant funds cannot be used to purchase many of the things the bee lab needs to get the job done. Therefore, our outside unrestricted donations made the difference for his being able to buy the new truck.*

*The NCSBA has traditionally supported the NCSU apiculture program by holding silent auctions at our state meetings. I believe that it is time to raise the bar for support from*

*our organization. In lieu of holding a silent auction at our upcoming summer meeting, I am asking that monetary donations be made to the apiculture program instead.*

*Since I began making a monthly contribution in 2017, I have donated about \$250 and can be considered to be a stakeholder of the program. I hope that the Haywood County Beekeepers will match or exceed my contribution and become stakeholders as well. I plan to present a check to Dr. Tarpy at the summer meeting and recognize all the chapters who have donated \$250 or more to the NCSU apiculture program. It would be great if the Haywood County Beekeepers could be included. A contribution of any amount would be greatly appreciated. I hope that enough chapters will participate to make this program outstanding!*

*Thank you very much for your consideration and I remain,*

*With best regards,*

*Rick Cooper*

**David Massengill**, who is a member of the Haywood County Beekeepers Club and is also a Mountain Regional Director for the NC State Beekeepers Association, followed up by informing the Club that grant monies cannot be used to fund many of the things needed by the bee lab and that outside monetary contributions are imperative to purchase things the bee lab needs to operate. David noted that all contributions received by the apiculture program are used very wisely. State funding for apiculture research continues to be cut and donations are the only money the North Carolina State University apiculture program gets for equipment and labor. Any amount will be put to good use in honey bee research and every dollar counts.

David Zachary made a motion that the Club donate \$250 to the NCSU apiculture program. After a brief discussion and inquiry as to the status of the Club's treasury, the motion was seconded and the Club voted unanimously in favor of the Haywood County Beekeepers Club donating \$250 to Dr. David Tarpy's NCSU apiculture program.

**Jackson County Beekeepers Club** holds their meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the NC Cooperative Extension Center, 876 Skyland Drive, Sylva. All visitors are welcome.

**4-H Essay Contest Winner:** Abigail King of the Haywood County 4-H Club shared her essay, which won the 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest this year. This was a very informative and well-researched essay on the geometry of honeycomb entitled, "*What's so Super about the Super Organism-The Honey Bee?*" Congratulations Abigail on a job well done and thank you for sharing this excellent essay.

**Bloom Report:** Currently blooming are clover, holly and privet, with some blackberry and tulip poplar still blooming in some areas.

**Buckwheat Seed for Sale:** The Club is currently selling Buckwheat seed at a cost of \$2.00 per pound and is available in one-pound bags. Buckwheat is a summer annual.

Proceeds go to the Club treasury.

**Cruso Mountain Heritage Festival:** Rich Byers reported that he and David Zachary will set up a booth for the Haywood County Beekeepers Club at the Cruso Mountain Heritage Festival on July 14, 2018, from 10 AM until 3 PM. Anyone interested in volunteering to help work the booth may contact Rich. Volunteers will be permitted to sell their honey during the time they work the booth.

The Town of Waynesville has committed to till the ground and provide some seed and mulch for our **Chestnut Park pollinator area project**. More details are expected later.

**Expert Question and Answer Panel:** Rich Byers introduced our panel of experts for tonight's Question and Answer session, which consisted of: Dr. Bill Skelton, Jim Coller, Tyree Kyser and Rick Queen. Our expert panel represents a phenomenal amount of beekeeping knowledge and experience.

There will be **NO JULY MEETING**.

Our speaker for the August 07, 2018, meeting will be North Carolina State Apiary Inspector Lewis Cauble, who will do a presentation on varroa mites. Lewis is extremely knowledgeable about these pests and how to control them.

Our Field Day demonstration with Lewis Cauble is scheduled for August 11, 2018.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy G. Way, *Secretary*