



## Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

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**May 01, 2018**

**President Rick Queen** called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors.

**50/50 Tickets:** Rick Queen announced that 50/50 tickets would be sold throughout the meeting at a cost of \$1.00 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00 with the drawing to be held at the close of the meeting. Half of the proceeds will go to the holder of the winning ticket with the remaining half to go to the Club treasury.

**Bloom Report:** Folks reported observing the following trees and plants currently blooming in our area: Dandelion, Apple, Serviceberry, Plum, Crabapple, Henbit, Phlox, and Money Plant. Brother Allen Blanton reported that Tulip Poplar was already blooming in the Fontana area.

There were several reports of swarms in our County. Bees are likely to swarm when they run out of room in the brood nest.

**June 05, 2018, Meeting:** From 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on June 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning beekeepers are welcome and encouraged to come early to ask questions during that half hour prior to the regular meeting.

Our Panel of Experts will host the June 05, 2018, meeting for a **Question and Answer session**. Everyone is invited to come with all of your beekeeping questions.

**Door Prizes** were given. Thank you to our door prize donors for their most generous contributions.

**E-mail Scam Attempt:** Rick Queen shared with the group an e-mail scam attempt from someone attempting to con Rick and our treasurer, Cynthia Schwartz, by sending an e-mail to Cynthia that appeared to be from Rick making an urgent request for money. No money was sent. Rick cautioned everyone to be aware of scamming attempts and to never reply to such e-mails and never open attachments or click on links.

**Potential Pollinator Project:** Rick Queen reported the Club's attempt to secure an area in Chestnut Park to establish a pollinator area. He is currently in contact with the Town of Waynesville and is seeking ways to interact with the Town to establish and maintain a pollinator area within Chestnut Park. Arranging work days will be discussed if this project is approved.

**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).

A head representative from **Bee City USA** will be among the speakers at the NCSBA summer meeting. That representative is also scheduled to speak at our regular monthly meeting for October 2018 and will inform the Club regarding what is involved in becoming a Bee City USA.

**Buckwheat Seed:** Rick Queen informed the group that our Board of Directors approved for the Club to purchase a 50-pound bag of Buckwheat seed. A portion of the seed will be sold at a cost of \$2.00 per pound and a portion will be given as door prizes at the regular meetings. Proceeds will go the Club treasury.

The 50/50 drawing was held. The winner donated his winnings back to the Club treasury. How generous! Thank you.

**Guest Speaker:** Bill Skelton introduced **Bob Blackwelder** as our speaker for this month. Bob has been keeping bees for 47 years. He has served the NC beekeeping industry as an advocate and as a President of the NC State Beekeepers Association. His program was both entertaining and educational, and covered many interesting topics including how beekeeping has changed throughout the years. Thank you, Bob, for this excellent presentation.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy G. Way, *Secretary*