



## Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

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**January 08, 2019**

**President Rick Queen** opened our first meeting of the New Year and welcomed guests.

**Rick Queen** and **Beth Sain** shared a “recipe” for sugar blocks and shared details on how to make sugar blocks, which are used for honey bee feed during winter months.

**Club Elections:** **Brother Alan Blanton**, who chaired this year’s Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee Report. Nominees for officers are:

- Mickey Clements for vice-president.
- Cynthia Schwartz for treasurer.
- Al Edwards for director.
- Keith Styles for director.

**President Rick Queen** opened a business session for discussion and for inquiry regarding if there were any nominations from the floor. With no nominations being made from the floor, a motion was made and seconded to elect the nominees. There was no discussion and the club voted unanimously to elect the above-named officers.

**Bill Skelton** presented information with regard to the upcoming **Beginning Beekeeping School**, which is scheduled for Saturday, **February 09, 2019**. This will be a one-day session from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$40.00 per individual or \$50.00 per couple. The cost includes a book and lunch. Location: Haywood County Extension Office, 589 Raccoon Road, Waynesville, NC 28786.

Workshop topics include: Equipment, Getting Started, Pest Management, Working a Hive, Honey Harvesting and A Year in the Apiary.

Anyone who wishes to attend this class should contact Bill Skelton at (828) 456-3575 so he may ascertain how much food will be needed for lunch.

A three-pound package of bees will be given as a door prize at the Beginning Beekeeping School.

**Honey Bee Raffle:** A raffle drawing will be held at the April 2019 meeting for a three-pound package of bees. Tickets are currently on sale and will remain so until the April meeting at a cost of \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00.

**Quilt Raffle** tickets are still on sale for \$1.00 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00. The date for that drawing has not yet been determined. Anyone interested in tickets for this beautiful honey bee and sunflower themed quilt should see Cynthia Schwartz.

**Door Prizes** from Honey and the Hive and KT's Orchard and Apiary were given.

Two Oxalic Acid Vaporizers were auctioned, which were donated by **Spencer Huggins**. Proceeds will go to the club's treasury. A brief discussion was held on the importance of following label recommendations when using Oxalic Acid for varroa mite control

**Spencer Huggins** also donated three very nice beekeeping books to the club library.

**Kathy Taylor of KT's Orchard and Apiary** announced that she will be selling package bees, which will be available beginning the first week in April of 2019. Kathy will also have nucs for sale as well as Saskatraz and Italian queens.

Bill Skelton introduced tonight's speaker: **Sarah McKinney** of Honey and the Hive, who gave a phenomenal presentation on, "**What is happening with our bees these days?**"

After a brief question and answer session, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy G. Way, *Secretary*