



# Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

## Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

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**September 04, 2018**

### Opening Ceremony

At 6:23 p.m. on Tuesday, September 04, 2018, President Rick Queen called to order the Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter Board of Directors meeting at the Haywood County Extension Center, 589 Raccoon Road, Waynesville, NC 28786.

Present were: Rick Queen, *president*; Rich Byers, *vice-president*; Rudie Bax, *director*; Al Edwards, *director*; Dr. Bill Skelton, *honorary director*; Brother Allen Blanton; *immediate past president*; and Cindy Way, *secretary*.

### Treasurer's Report

In the absence of our treasurer, Cynthia Schwartz, Rich Byers, vice-president, reported that our chapter currently has a checking account balance of \$155.58 and a savings account balance of \$2,311.98.

### Old Business

**The 2018 HAYWOOD COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR** was lacking in entries for the honey categories, which was likely due to the lower honey yields and higher moisture content due to all the rain our area experienced this year.

**STUDENT BEEKEEPERS MENTORING PROGRAM:** Rudie Bax volunteered to check with Pisgah and Tuscola high schools to inquire if there might students who would be interested in learning beekeeping. This must be done on an individual basis to avoid any potential legal liability issues. It is likely we would require interested participants from each school to apply for the sponsorship, possibly by way of an essay contest, for selection of one student from each school. Spencer Huggins has offered to donate some equipment, and Al Edwards stated that he lives near Pisgah High School and volunteered to serve as a mentor for the selected Pisgah student as part of this program to provide some hands-on training. Our chapter plans to donate a 3-pound package of bees for each of those two students.

**BEE CITY USA:** Rich Byers volunteered to contact the Town of Waynesville and request to be placed on the agenda for their next meeting to invite folks with the Town to attend our October meeting to hear our scheduled speaker from Bee City USA.

## **New Business**

**2018 CHAPTER ELECTIONS will be held in November.** Vice-President Rich Byers announced his plan to step down from the vice-president position. Our chapter is very grateful for the excellent job that Rich has done. In addition to the vice-president position, the treasurer and two director positions will be up for election. Brother Allen Blanton volunteered to chair a nominating committee.

**BEE BOWL:** Rick Queen mentioned an upcoming Bee Bowl and suggested that our chapter should have a group of Master Beekeepers and soon-to-be Master Beekeepers to participate.

**GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (GAP).** This is an achievement recognition program sponsored by the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association. Brother Allen Blanton presented information regarding GAP and suggested that our chapter should participate. Our chapter would receive \$300.00 just for participating. The winner will receive \$500.00. Participants will be required to submit documentation of all the chapter's activities. We will need someone who is willing to compile and maintain that documentation.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FIELD DAY** for 5<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduled to be held Wednesday, October 03, 2018, and Thursday, October 04, 2018, at the Test Farm. Bill Skelton will present information regarding this activity at tonight's regular monthly meeting and will ask for volunteers.

**TENT FOR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:** Rich Byers made a motion for our chapter to purchase a tent, at a cost of \$100.00 or less, to be used for chapter activities and to be stored at the chapter's Honey House. After a brief discussion, Al Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**CHAPTER HATS AND T-SHIRTS:** Rich reported that some folks have expressed an interest in purchasing hats with our chapter logo. With regard to t-shirts, Al Edwards reported that we have only short-sleeve t-shirts currently. Al will conduct an inventory of our shirts and hats to determine what we have left in stock. Brother Allen Blanton volunteered to check for vendors to possibly restock our supplies.

## **Closing**

President Rick Queen closed discussions and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy G. Way, *secretary*