



Haywood County Beekeeper's Chapter

Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2016

Location: Haywood County Extension

Officers Present: Allan Blanton, President; Rich Beyers, Treasurer; Vicki Morrison, Secretary; Jon Serenius, Webmaster; Carrie Keller, Director; Cindy Way, Director; Bill Skelton, Honorary Director.

Call to order 7 p.m. - Allan Blanton

Rich gave the **financial report:** \$2,698 in savings, \$261 in checking, \$250 goes to the Beekeeping School on Feb. 20. Rich says, "We are on target."

- Membership dues - Bill will include a reminder in the newsletter.
- Rich needs help with each regular meeting at the front desk with raffle tickets, dues, attendance, etc. Two directors will help each month by alternating months.
- We have a list of possible mentors for members to view. Some are on the website with permission. The list will be updated when it is passed at the next few meetings.

Bill Skelton updated us on the **Beekeepers School** on Feb. 20, 8-4 or 4:30. There are 26 enrolled at present. Deadline is Feb. 12 for registration. Bill gave a summary of the curriculum for the day. A motion was made for us to buy 35 books for the Beekeepers School. It was second. All were in favor. Extra books will be sold at meetings. Smokers and fuel are needed for the school. Carrie volunteered the fuel and a few smokers. Others will also bring some. Bill and Allen said they would call for catalogs and door prizes. There is donated a package of bees to raffle off to students. "Buzzing with Bill" will be offered in April as a follow-up after the bee school for anyone with questions or help. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Bill talked about the **Honey Extraction Center** and the need for policies and regulations for using the equipment. We need a committee to work with Bill to do the policy. Bill will talk with McDowell Co. about how they run their extractor and get ideas for ours. It will be up and running this spring prior to the first honey flow. It will be open to the public and an advertisement will be put in the paper. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in June at the center.

Allan - Events the club will participate in this summer: Appalachian Lifestyle on Main, June 11. Jon will be the chair. Rich volunteered to be responsible for the Observation Hive. Carrie will get the brochures, banner, and posters. Anyone wanting to sell honey will have to volunteer for 2 hours and have a 'legal' label on the honey. We have a 10x10 spot and we need 2 tables with a few chairs.
Haywood Co Fair - We need to determine how large a booth we want and to rent a

booth. Members can sell their honey and volunteer.

Allan - Suggested we have a Field Day and Picnic. Motion made to have it. Second. All were in favor. It will be on August 6 with field agenda from 10 – 1 p.m., then the picnic. On the agenda will be a discussion on winterizing and treating the bees.

Jon wants a committee to help review the website and help with suggestions on what to leave and what to take out, etc. Jon needs help from Dave Mattingly, a web designer with glitches in the website. All were in favor to pay Dave if he charges for his services. A committee of three - Rich, Vicki and Allan, will meet with Jon on March 5, at 10 a.m.

The next State Association meeting will be in Newburn. The Vice-President has resigned. New developments in the Association.

Motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Cordially submitted by:

Vicki Morrison, *Secretary*