



## Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

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**June 04, 2019,**

President Rick Queen called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter for June 2019.

Spencer Huggins spoke about how to properly administer oxalic acid treatments for varroa mite control and presented two oxalic acid “wands” he made, which were auctioned with proceeds going to the club treasury.

Bloom Report: Some plants reported to be currently in bloom are: persimmon, yucca, clover and elderberry. Basswood is expected to begin blooming very soon.

Door Prizes were given out.

Bill Skelton announced that he will conduct a honey extraction demonstration at the Haywood Cooperative Extension Office on Friday, June 07, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

David Massengill, Mountain Regional Director for the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, announced that the **North Carolina State Beekeepers Association fall meeting will be held in Hickory, NC on August 18, 2019.** The NCSBA 2020 spring meeting will be held in Newbern, NC.

David also stated the June is Cooperative Extension Appreciation Month.

Beth Sain asked for volunteers to help at the beekeepers booth on **Saturday, June 22, 2019,** at the **Historic Haywood Farmers Market** to speak to folks about honey bees and beekeeping.

David Zachary (“Zach”) asked for volunteers to help represent the Haywood County Beekeepers Club at the **Cruso Community Festival** on **Saturday, July 13, 2019,** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This festival will be held at the Cruso Community Center on Highway 276. The Community Center is the rock building which is the old school.

Bill Skelton stated that the **Eastern Apiculture Society (EAS)** will hold its conference on **July 15 – 19, 2019,** in South Carolina. There is a line-up of great speakers. More details may be found with a Google search of the EAS.

Bill Skelton further stated that the North Carolina State Forestry Commission will hold a workshop on **Friday, June 14, 2019**, at the Test Farm on the topic of **managing native plant species for pollinators**. Registration information may be found on the Haywood County Extension website.

Please note that there will be **NO MEETING FOR JULY** of 2019. We look forward to seeing everyone in August.

In addition to the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 06, 2019, there will be a **Field Day on Saturday, August 10, 2019**, with demonstrations for varroa mite monitoring techniques and treatment plans from **3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** A picnic-style covered dish supper will follow from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Rick Queen introduced tonight's speaker: **Dave Cowart**. Dave is a commercial beekeeper who possesses a wealth of beekeeping knowledge and experience. Tonight's topic was, **"What to do in the Bee Hive in June."**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy G. Way, *Secretary*