

Tri-County Beekeepers Association
September 2020 Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date 9/14/20

The meeting began at 7:07 as club president, Bobby Chaisson, introduced the speakers. The meeting was a simultaneous in-person and Zoom meeting. There were 18 people in attendance in person and 9 online.

Beekeepers David Hollomon and David Kirslis presented on thermal treatment for Varroa mites. They explained the procedure and had the equipment present to show attendees. They also explained that Mr. Kirslis is a volunteer in a study on thermal treatment and its effects on viruses within the hive. The two answered several questions from both the in-person and Zoom audience.

Club Business:

Treasurer's Report -

Regions Bank balance as of 8/31/20 – 879.10

PayPal account balance - \$1916.03

Minutes of previous two meetings were emailed out to members and posted on the club website.

Sugar – we have about 1500-2000lbs left for member purchases. We have bags and buckets to be picked up tomorrow. Bobby said he wrote a grant for the GBA license plate fund and it was approved. He received a check for \$859. This was to purchase a pallet of buckets and 200 sandbags for sugar.

Another grant opportunity – Bobby has been talking with Jimmy Gatt about writing a grant for bee friendly trees and plants to put in at our club location to enhance the park and allow long-term benefits to the bees.

GBA Fall Conference is coming up. Bobby encouraged people to register for the meeting. They will have access for two weeks following the meeting to view all the breakout sessions. The cost is only \$15. This will be held virtually on 9/25 and 9/26. One of our local members, Harold Lanier, was nominated for the honor of Beekeeper of the Year. This position will be announced during the GBA Fall Conference.

Upcoming Meetings:

October 12 – Willa Beth Smith will present a talk about the various products that can be derived from the beehive.

November 9 – Jimmy Gatt will discuss planting trees and shrubs that are best for bees.

Other matters:

The state of Georgia is developing a plan for a Honeybee Removal Certification, which will change things for bee removals in structures. Bobby has been involved in talks with those developing this plan. He encouraged attendees to do their research and voice their opinions on the matter before it is finalized sometime in October.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06. The minutes are respectfully submitted by club secretary, Pamela Wisecup.