

Tri County Beekeepers Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, our normal face-to-face meeting was cancelled. The Georgia Beekeepers Association has purchased the upgraded version of Zoom to allow local beekeeping clubs to continue meeting, but through a virtual platform. These are the meeting minutes of our virtual meeting. Members and other interested persons were emailed a link to participate in the meeting.

We did not follow parliamentary procedures for the club, so this is an informal recording of the minutes. Portions of the normal minutes will be missing because of this.

The online meeting began at 7:00 pm by Bobby Chaisson (Club President), who introduced Linda Tillman, President of the Georgia Beekeepers Association (GBA). Linda welcomed participants and explained the use of the Zoom platform. She stayed with the meeting for a few minutes before excusing herself and leaving the meeting.

The meeting was set up as a question and answer forum where a panel of experienced beekeepers fielded questions of the other participants. The panel consisted of Bobby Chaisson, Wade Dale (Club Vice President), Harold Lanier, and Gary Combs. The meeting was moderated by Bobby Chaisson. Each participant wishing to speak would indicate through a message in the messaging system and would be called on, in turn, by the moderator. The questions asked covered a variety of aspects of beekeeping.

Announcements:

The May cookout arranged by the Northeast Georgia Beekeepers has been cancelled and will most likely be rescheduled at a later date.

The Botanical Gardens has asked when our beehive we place in the gardens will be returned to its location. Bobby is currently busy with bee removals, so he asked Mike Dayton to coordinate getting the hive set back up at the Botanical Gardens. JT McNeal volunteered to help.

Upcoming Club Meeting:

As this Zoom meeting was deemed a success, next month's club meeting will also most likely take place in the same manner, since Covid-19 will most likely not be under control at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Pamela Wisecup, Tri-County Beekeepers Association Secretary, April 22, 2020.