

# Rockingham County Beekeepers Association

## MINUTES

February 6, 2025

The Rockingham County Beekeepers Association meeting was held on February 6, 2025 at the Rockingham County Extension Office. It began at 7:00pm and was presided, Bobbie Gardner as President, with Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson as secretary.

**\*Guest in attendance:**

**\*Thoughts and Prayers:** George Page, Sarah Peters

**\*Raffle tickets** were passed to members by Bobbie Garner.

**Business Meeting:**

**\*The January 2025 minutes** were not read, due to there was no meeting in January.

**\*Treasurer's report** was given by Alyssa Chowdhury. If you would like this information, please speak with Alyssa.

**\*Announcements and upcoming events**

**\*Old Business** June Strader spoke on NC Farm Bureau, she sits on the board. In the past they have been giving us money so we could have funds for the Lost Hive Replacement. She stated that another letter needs to be typed up for Farm Bureau giving more detailed information about how we are using the Lost Hive Replacement Fund.

**\*New Business:** If you want to advertise beekeeping equipment that you have for sale, please let Bobbie Gardner know and she will post it on the website. There will not be any prices listed, if someone is interested in something you have for sale they will have to contact you with all questions. Steve at Summerfield Feed Mill will sell pallets for \$2 each, if you are interested in them for your apiary, go see Steve. We are in the process of coming up guidelines on checking out equipment the club owns. Officers for 2025 need to be voted on and chosen, this should have been done in November, but a lot was going on and Sarah having to step down as President, it was not done. The floor was open for anyone to come forth to say they would like to volunteer for one of the officers' positions. Kevin Cassmer motioned that the officers in position now remain as officers for 2025, there was a second motion, it was voted on and passed. Officers for 2025 are President Bobbie Gardner, Vice President Alyssa Chowdhury, Secretary Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson, Treasurer Alyssa Chowdhury.

**\*The Bee Yard Report** was given by Linzie Kinyon, in February "What's going on with the bees and the beekeeper?" Temperature will determine blooming flowers, queens have started laying, brood nest is going to ramp up. Nurse bees are going to be working hard, consuming lots of honey to feed. Adult bees should start merging. As the beekeeper, make sure they don't run out of food. Feed if needed. If the weather is too cold for sugar syrup, you can use winter patties or sugar blocks. Do your first brief inspection, if the weather is good, if warm enough around 65+ pull out frames to look for brood and food stores. Pay attention to where the food is located? Food should be above the bees, also food on each side of the brood. If you don't see queen/brood you probably lost your queen through the winter and you need to do something, combine with a stronger colony.

**\*The Educational Session** were members of our club, Josh Inlow, Steve Rivers, Jeremy Tyson and Linzie Kinyon. They were available to answer any questions that members had about beekeeping. Some questions asked were, will breaking the propolis seal have an effect on them with cold nights coming up? What is your preferred treatment for Varroa Mites and how many times a year do you treat? When you catch a swarm, do you treat for varroa?

**\*The Raffle** was conducted.

**\*The meeting** was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson

