

# Rockingham County Beekeepers Association

## MINUTES

March 6, 2025

The Rockingham County Beekeepers Association meeting was held on March 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 February 2025 minutes** were ready by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson

**\*Treasurer's report** was given by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson, Alyssa Chowdhury was out of town. If you would like this information, please speak with Alyssa.

**\*Announcements and upcoming events** Carlton Johnson a former beekeeper of RCBA passed away, it was requested that we give something in memory from the club, as we have done in the past for members. Jeremy Tyson's said his brother-in-law is selling out and has approx. 5 hives and a few other things to sell, if interested please contact Jeremy for more information. Frank Wyatt knows someone, Vernell Gillespie, that is selling out. They would like to sell everything together, if interested please contact Frank. Trey Wyatt said they have approx. 50 more packages available to sell. American Bee Supply is now open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-3pm, they also have a new type of supplies they are selling. John Daily with Daily Fruit Farm in Sandy Ridge came and spoke briefly about his farm, he currently has approx. 500 fruit trees, chestnut trees and soon to plant 4 acres of wildflower. He is looking for someone interested in bringing hives to the farm to help pollinate the trees. The address is 1159 Hope Beasley Rd.

**\*Old Business** we are waiting for a response from Farm Bureau regarding the Lost Hive Replacement Fund. Kathryn Holmes said that we could ask for more money from Farm Bureau if we wanted to because the club is growing and has more members than in the past. If that is something we wanted to do, we needed to give her the information as to how much we wanted to ask for and we would need to include how many active members we now have. We are working on a Swarm Retriever Waiver for members to be able to print off and have people sign when they are going to retrieve a swarm. You are representing yourself as well as RCBA and for liability purposes the property owner needs to sign a waiver.

**\*New Business** Kathryn Holmes suggested RCBA check into getting insurance to cover RCBA during events that we have going on throughout the year for liability purposes. We are looking to have Field Day at Jeremy Tyson's home April 26<sup>th</sup>. We are asking Don Hopkins to come out and do an inspection that day so new and existing members can see how things are done. If it rains, we will not have Field Day and would try to pick a later date.

**\*The Bee Yard Report** was given by Steve Rivers. If you have drone brood, you may want to think about splits. Check for mite count. Check food stores and feed 1:1 sugar syrup. If you have a larger hive, you can take out a few frames and put into a smaller hive to help. Maples are getting ready to bloom.

**\*The Educational Session** was presented by one of RCBA members, Jay Gardner, he showed a video and spoke on how to install packages and NUCs.

**\*The Raffle** was conducted.

**\*The meeting** was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson