

Rockingham County Beekeepers Association

MINUTES

September 3, 2026

The Rockingham County Beekeepers Association meeting was held on September 3, 2026, 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: 2**

***Thoughts and Prayers:** Lenzie Kinyon

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

Business Meeting:

***The August 2026 minutes** no minutes were read, Chasity was unable to attend the June meeting, Jessie Inlow took minutes for the June meeting, but forgot to bring them.

***Treasurer's report** was given by Susan Duggan Beg. Bal. \$8,860.00 Ending Bal. \$8831.00
Raffle +\$45 Dues+\$10 Hat/shirt sales +\$45 Field Day Cost -\$43.55 Hat/shirt Purchase - \$86.00
Lost Hive Replacement \$2661.00

***Announcements and upcoming events** We will be voting on officers for the 2027 at the November meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer for the RCBA club, please let Bobbie Garner know. November meeting will be held on Thursday November 5th, this will be Potluck, please bring something to eat to shar with everyone. June Strader serves on the Farm Bureau, if you have not registered your hives, they suggest registering them with the County Ext. Office, this will have your hives registered in case there is a natural disaster. She also said that we as beekeepers are included in the farm bill going through the government at this time. Museum Archives of Rockingham Cnty Vendor Fair September 26th 10-4pm. There is a \$25 fee per table if you want to sell your honey. If you want to set up educational information, it is free. RCBA will supply the educational information for anyone wanting to set up. The Bee Shack is having a Bee Yard Basic Class on Sat. 5th 10-12pm.

***New Business** We need to vote on the amount that will be given for the Scholarship by RCBA, given to a student involved in 4H. The amount of \$500 was suggested, vote was taken and it passed. The student chosen will be invited to the December meeting to receive their scholarship award.

***Old Business** if you have not purchased your tickets for the December meeting with guest speaker Bob Binni, please do so asap. Mr Binni will speak 5-6pm, supper 6-7, and he will speak again 7-9pm. If you need help purchasing your tickets, get in touch with The Bee Shack and the can help.

***The Bee Yard Report** was given by Don Purgason, have water available, make a very small vent for your lid for extra airflow. You need to treat for mites now or do a mite count. Do a thorough inspection. Combine weak hive with a stronger one if needed. Start feeding now if you need to get their winter stores up.

***Educational Session:** there was no guest speaker, we had a Honey Tasting Contest, it was a people's choice, RCBA member was able to taste and vote on the best honey.

Winners of the Honey Tasting Contest:

1st Place: Jessie Inlow

2nd Place: Dodi Castillo Moreno

3rd Place: Bonnie Stratton