

Rockingham County Beekeepers Association

MINUTES

April 3, 2025

The Rockingham County Beekeepers Association meeting was held on April 3, 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:**

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

Business Meeting:

***The March 2025 minutes** were ready by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson

***Treasurer's report** was given by Alyssa Chowdhury.

Beginning Balance \$11,105.00 Local dues +100.00 Raffle+96.00 Bee School-61.40

Ending Balance \$11,240.00 Lost Hive Replacement \$4,177.00

***Announcements and upcoming events** Field Day April 26,2025 at 11:00am and will be held at Jeremy Tyson's house. Bring chairs, a bee suit if you are planning to watch as Don inspects the hives, Dish to share. The club is providing BBQ.

***Old Business** Inventory list of supplies that RCBA owns has been created. We are thinking of purchasing an oxilic acid for the club members to use. We did not ask Farm Bureau for more money because we still have funds left over from last year. Make sure to submit your receipt for lost hive replacement with Alyssa Chowdhury. Bobbie Garner will now start taking calls for swarms, to help distribute calls to members to help stop any confusion of multiple members getting a call from the same homeowner.

***New Business** at the Field Day event, if you have used equipment, frames, hives, etc., bring them so other members can see if you have anything they could use and sell the equipment. Please do not bring any drawn-out comb. Jessie and Josh Inlow are having their Grand Opening for "The Bee Shack" April 12th 9am-4pm. If you need supplies, if you can submit your order before Monday of that week, and it will be in by the following Friday. They will be getting supplies from Beez Needz. Chamber of Commerce will be there for the ribbon cutting at 12pm.

***The Bee Yard Report** was given by Josh Inlow. Get ready for the Nectar Flow. Do full inspection. If you don't see a queen, look for eggs. Check brood pattern. Feed 1:1 sugar syrup to strengthen a weaker hive population. Reverse boxes if the bees are still up top. Check for swarm cells. Split hives or add space.

***The Educational Session** was presented by one of RCBA members, Tra Wyatt, he spoke on "Diseases and Hive Pest." Some of the things he spoke about AFB, which is the most destructive. To treat you will have to burn the hive. He also spoke on EFB, Chalk Brood, Varroa Mites, Wax Moths.

***The Raffle** was conducted.

***The meeting** was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson