

Rockingham County Beekeepers Association

MINUTES

October 1, 2026

The Rockingham County Beekeepers Association meeting was held on October 1, 2026, at the Rockingham County Extension Office. It began at 7:00pm and was presided, Alyssa Chowdhury as Vice President, with Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson as secretary.

***Guest in attendance: 2**

***Thoughts and Prayers:**

***Raffle tickets** were passed to members by Alyssa Chowdhury.

Business Meeting:

***The September 2026 minutes** were read by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson

***Treasurer's report** was given by Alyssa Chowdhury Beg. Bal. \$8831.00 Ending Bal. \$8806.55

Raffle +\$51 Dues+\$20 Hat/shirt sales +\$170.00 Hat/shirt Purchase - \$265.00

Lost Hive Replacement \$2661.00

***Announcements and upcoming events** We will be voting on officers for 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 share with everyone

***New Business** RCBA will participate in the Mayodan/Madison Christmas Parade again this year. Jessie Inlow is heading this up, if you would like more information please speak with Jessie. This will be Saturday December 12th. Meet at The Bee Shack at 11am, decorate the trailer, eat a snack and everyone will go to the meeting spot in Mayodan next to the Mayodan Methodist Church across from the park. Parade starts at 1:00pm Donations of Candy would be greatly appreciated. You can drop this off at The Bee Shack or bring it to the November meeting.

***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 they can help. There was a vote last month on the 4H Scholarship, we agreed on \$500.00 for the student chosen for the scholarship. This will buy them what they need to get started in beekeeping, including a 2 deep Hive. They will be invited to attend the December meeting where the winner of the scholarship will be announced.

***The Bee Yard Report** was given by Don Purgason, Feed, Feed, Feed 2:1. You need to do a mite count. Combine any weak hives you may have with a stronger hive. Put on entrances reducers or mice guards. Now is a good time to think about your equipment, March will be here before you know it. Taking care of your equipment now, painting, cleaning up equipment, you don't have to worry about March sneaking up on you.

***Educational Session** was given by Josh Inlow, Winterization- preparing for the winter.