

Rockingham County Beekeepers Association

MINUTES

February 19, 2026

The Rockingham County Beekeepers Association meeting was held on February 19, 2006, 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 Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson.

Business Meeting:

***The minutes** there were no minutes to be read since the club had not met since November 2025. The February meeting was late due to weather/snow.

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

End of Year 2025 Beg. Balance \$10,436.00 Raffle -80.00 Education -29.90 Party Supplies -17.65
Expensive Total of 127.55 Ending Balance \$10,308.00

***Announcements and upcoming events** April 11, 9am-2pm "Spring Fling" in downtown Ruffin if anyone is interested in setting up a table.

***Old Business:** We are still in need of mentors, please sign up if you are willing to be a mentor to someone. It is very important for new beekeepers to have someone to look to for advice. As always, if you need a mentor, please let us know. Alyssa Chowdhury has all the club equipment, if you need anything please contact Alyssa Chowdhury or Bobbie Gardner.

***New Business** if you want to be on the Swarm List for 2026 please let Bobbie know. The club now has new committees; each committee has a chairperson. Each chairperson talked about the roles of their committee and what some plans are. Committees are: Fundraiser/Program/Event Committee, Hive Replacement/Equipment and Supplies committee, Membership/Education/Marketing committee

***The Bee Yard Report** was given Jeremy Tyson, it is good to go around and lift the back of your boxes to try and get a feel for how much winter stores they have left. Around March 1st check to see how much drone brood you have. Do you have enough to start splits this early? You can also lift the inner cover and quickly look to determine how they are doing.

***The Educational Session** was presented by Josh Inlow with The Bee Shack. He talked about "Getting ready for Spring." Josh suggested on warm days he open feeds, but will continue to do so until the nectar flow has started. You don't just feed once on a warm day, and on the other warm days do nothing, so if you start feeding you need to continue doing so. From now till about 2-3 weeks is a very crucial time. They are getting more active and going through resources. A good idea on when to check your hives, if below 60 degrees leave them alone, if above 60 degrees open lid and do a quick check, if 70+ do an inspection.

***The Raffle** was conducted.

***The meeting** was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson