

Rockingham County Beekeepers Association

MINUTES

September 4, 2025

The Rockingham County Beekeepers Association meeting was held on September 4, 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:** Mike Carter

***Raffle tickets** were passed to members by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson.

Business Meeting:

***The August 2025 minutes** were not read, there were no minutes taken at the meeting, Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson was unable to attend, and Bobbie Gardner was leading the meeting.

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

***Announcements and upcoming events** October Meeting we will have guest speaker Ashby Miller; he will be speaking on Winterizing Bees. November meeting, we will be having a Potluck Social, and we will be voting of Officers for the upcoming year. There will be a sign-up sheet for food at the October meeting. December 11th is our proposed date for our annual Christmas Gathering, unsure at this time where we will hold the gathering, we are looking at The Hive in Eden. We will play the Dirty Santa Game, more information to come later. February 5-7, 2026, NCSBA is having there Spring meeting, Riverfront Convention Center, 203 S Front St New Bern, NC.

***Old Business:** if you want to list bee supplies on the website for sale, please let Bobbie know. You are welcome to equipment or supplies for sale, we just ask that you do not put a price, they need to contact you directly to discuss the amount you are selling things or. If you need a mentor, please let us know. If you would like to be a mentor, please let us know.

***New Business** if you are interested in ever setting up for educational events or Festivals, the club has a banner with our club's name on it, let us know if you would like to use it.

***The Bee Yard Report** was given Jeremy Tyson, "What do you need to do now?" If you have a hive that does not have at least 3 frames of bees, they will not have a good chance to survive winter, considering combining them with a stronger hive. Time to install entrance reducers. Check for mites and treat if needed. Check the weigh by lifting the back of the honey supers and get an idea whether it is heavy or light on winter stores. Feed 2:1 sugar syrup if needed from now till Halloween. You can go ahead and start making your sugar blocks to get them ready to throw them on once you are no longer able to give them the liquid sugar syrup.

***The Educational Session** was presented by Ira Poston, Regional Director NCBA. He spoke on things to do if you wanted to enter your honey, honeycomb, etc. into the NC State Fair. He spoke on how everything had to be just right, how they judge for every small thing all the way to whether you filled the jar to the right level. There is a lot that goes into entering the State Fair, if you have questions, please reach out to Mr. Poston.

***CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners for our annual Honey Tasting Contest:

1st Kevin Kazmerek, 2nd Deanna Shreve, 3rd Dodi Castillo Movenio

Big THANK YOU to our judges:

Ira Poston-Regional Director NCBA, Mark Richardson County Commissioner, Katherine Holmes

***The Raffle** was conducted.

***The meeting** was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson