

Rockingham County Beekeepers Association

MINUTES

June 5, 2025

The Rockingham County Beekeepers Association meeting was held on June 5, 2025, 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: 1**

***Thoughts and Prayers:**

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

Business Meeting:

***The April 2025 minutes** were ready by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson, since there was no May meeting.

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

***Announcements and upcoming events** Jeremy Tyson's brother has a 9 frame extractor and tools for sale, if interested please get in touch with Mr. Tyson and he will give you the contact information. Trey Wyatt is peaking up syrup, he is going to set some of the syrup to the side for club members, if you are interested, please contact Trey. Granville County Jubilee will be held June 28. The State Meeting will be held July 10-12; you can sign up online. We will not have a meeting in July. August 7th will be our next meeting; we will have an Ice Cream Social/Meeting.

***Old Business:** The club has decided not to purchase the Oxalic Acid Equipment due to liability purposes for RCBA. There was not enough interest regarding the Farmers Market, so we have decided to not go forward with purchasing a spot and members set up to sell honey. The idea of purchasing a new T-shirt/Hat for the club has been put on hold, there did not seem to be enough interest in helping come up with a design. If you would like to come up with a design idea for new T-shirts/Hat, please present the idea to one of the club officers. As always, the club has equipment for members to use, Extractor and tools. If you need to use any of the equipment please contact Alyssa Chowdhury.

***New Business**

***The Bee Yard Report** was given by Steve Rivers, go ahead and start extracting honey. It is best to put wet supers back on in the late afternoon to try and help avoid robbing. Start feeding 1:1 sugar syrup in July. It is not too late to make splits if you would like.

***The Educational Session** was presented by one of RCBA members, Linzie Kinyon. "Harvesting Honey Crop from Hive to Bottle" You typically remove the honey supers June or July. Most of the cells should be capped, at least 75% or more. Frames with uncapped cells should not leak any liquid, meaning if you turn the frame on its side and do a quick shake, nothing should come out. There are different ways to remove supers from your hive: Shake and Brush Method, Blower Method, Fume Board Method and Bee Escape Method. How much honey should you remove? It depends on whether you want to feed. Linzie suggests that you leave 1 honey super on each colony to help them get through summer dearth. Make sure when labeling you include Name (Honey), Weigh in lbs./oz./grams Net Wt., Contact information Name, address and zip code, phone number is optional, Warning Label is Not required "do not feed to infants under age of one", Crystallized honey label is optional.

***The Raffle** was conducted.

***The meeting** was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Chasity Bowman-Wilkinson