

Tri-County Beekeepers
Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Club President Bobby Chaisson at 7:00 with 47 present.

Bobby Chaisson introduced the guest speaker Julia Mahood. Ms. Mahood is a Master Beekeeper and is the President of Metro Atlanta Beekeepers. Julia presented a program titled "Secret Lives of Drones."

New Business:

Registration for UGA's Beekeeping Institute at Young Harris is now open. Dates are May 22 – May 25th. The Beekeeping Institute is designed for all levels of experience from Basic level to Master Beekeepers.

The Certified Beekeepers Test will be held on May 11th at Lanier Bee Barn in Commerce. Bobby Chaisson and Harold Lanier will be facilitating this test. The cost is \$50. You must have at least one year beekeeping experience and it's highly advised that you study the "First Lessons of Beekeeping" book prior to taking the test. If you have any questions, please contact Bobby or Harold.

The Bee Yard was checked on Saturday, 4/6. Everything looks good. The top bar hive was split and the split put in a miniature top bar hive. The 8 frame hive is about ready for a super and will put a flow box on the Flow Hive soon as well.

Jamie Ellis will be speaking in Clarkesville this Thursday, 4/11, at the EMC building at 7:00 pm on "Why are my bees dying and what I can do to fix it". Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance. If you are interested please see Bobby or Mike Dayton.

Harold Lanier will be having a Boot Camp on April 27th at Lanier Bee Barn in Commerce. Please contact Harold if interested.

Also on April 27th Smithgall Woods will host a very basic beekeeping course taught by Georgia Tech from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. Cost will be \$35.

Upcoming Meetings:

May – Steve Page on Notch Method of Queen Rearing

June – Michael Minardi – Mead Making. He will make a batch of mead at this meeting.

July – Cookout

August – Possibly schedule a meeting to extract honey from the Bee Yard. The honey extracted from the bee yard will be available for sale.

Treasury Report:

General Account - \$2,234.10 and PayPal Account - \$2,296.22

Total \$4,530.32. Treasury Report approved with a motion and 2nd.

Bobby asked if anyone has any ideas for things the club needs are ideas for guest speakers to let him know.

Emory Donahoo knows someone in Blueridge that has 100 acres that would like bees put on the property. If interested please contact Emory.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Roberts, Tri-County Beekeepers Club Secretary. April 18, 2019.