

Tri-County Beekeepers Association Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by club vice president, Wade Dale, at 7:00 pm with 34 members and visitors present. Wade thanked everybody for attending and welcomed our newcomers before introducing the speaker. This month's speaker was Dan Long, who gave a presentation on the ancient art of Bee Lining as described in the Tom Seeley book, *Following the Wild Bees*. Mr. Long presented the club with a bee lining box for club use.

Announcements:

Fundamentals of Beekeeping Course was held this past Saturday. We had 34 in attendance taking the course and quite a few club members who volunteered to work. Wade Dale thanked all of those who attended and who worked.

GBA Meeting and Artisan Show is February 21 and 22 in Augusta, GA. The link is in the GBA website. It was \$50 per person to attend. The price was to go up today. Not sure how much more it will cost for late registration. Several of our club members are already enrolled. Harold Lanier from our club will be one of the speakers. Bob Binnie will be talking at the Friday night dinner about his experiences in beekeeping.

For the GBA Fall show, the GBA has asked each club to do a display board that showcases the club. We need to form a committee that can work on this and get it together. We can form the committee in one of the upcoming months.

Everybody should have received an email regarding membership renewal which is due by March 1. You may renew online or at the meeting.

May Meeting – We have been asked by Northeast Ga Beekeepers to join them for a cookout in Sautee at Lou Lobe's place. He raises New World Carniolan bees and keeps Slovenian hives. The cookout is May 9th, the Saturday before our regular meeting date. Would club members want to count this as our meeting? Or do they still want to hold the regular meeting on Monday, May 11? The general consensus was to attend the cookout for those who wish, and then still have our regular meeting on Monday.

Harold Lanier will be starting up his Beekeeping Bootcamps on March 28, for anybody who would like an intensive training on beekeeping.

The 2nd Annual Beekeeping Jamboree will be held on October 24th this year at Sandy Creek Park in Athens, GA. The move to the fall is an attempt to avoid the heat of summer that we experienced this past year.

Business

Secretary, Pam Wisecup, read the minutes of the January 2020 meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded.

Treasurer, David Hollomon, reported the club Regions Bank account has \$1719.10 while the PayPal account has \$3083.07. Money for club dues was collected at the beginning of the meeting. This will be deposited and be reflected in the minutes of the next club meeting. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded.

Upcoming Club Meetings/Events:

March 9 - Club meeting 7:00-9:00 Julia Mahood will present Tips on Making Beekeeping Easier. Weather permitting, we will be checking the club hives at 6:30 before the meeting.

April 13 – Club meeting 7:00-9:00 Georgia Zumwalt will be talking about photographing honey bees. Weather permitting, we will check the club hives at 6:30 before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Pamela Wisecup, Tri-County Beekeepers Association Secretary, February 18, 2020.