

**Tri-County Beekeepers**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**February 11, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Club President Bobby Chaisson at 7:00 with 41 present.

Our guest speaker was ill tonight so Bobby Chaisson and Harold Lanier presented a program on Beekeeping Equipment and how to put it together. This was very informative especially for the new beekeepers that was present.

New Business:

Treasury Report:

General Account - \$2,524.10 and PayPal Account - \$1,773.28

Total \$4,297.38. Treasury Report approved with a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Minutes were send out by email and approved with a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Short courts was successful with 37 attendees.

Certified Beekeepers test will be May 11<sup>th</sup> at Lanier Bee Barn in Commerce for anyone interested that has at least a year experience in beekeeping. There will be a written and practical test. Cost is \$50. Bobby will add an event to member planet and will be limited to 15 people. If you are interested this is a great opportunity. This may be the last year we will offer this test as UGA is considering to require you to go take the test at the Young Harris Beekeeping Institute in the future. Bobby is considering holding a Saturday informal study before the test. If you are interested in this please email Bobby.

March 29<sup>th</sup> is Ag Day and Jackson County School. If you are interested in going to this to represent the club you may call Kaitlyn at Jackson County Farm Bureau or contact Stacy Roberts for more details. The club has materials and a learning hive for you to use.

We have tee shirts available for \$10. If you are interested in a hooded sweatshirt for \$20 with the club logo please let Bobby know.

Coming up:

March – Steve Esau on Making Splits. If the weather is good we will look at our bees and see if any need to be split. We will start outside so please bring any bee wear you want/need.

April – Julia Mahood on the Secret Lives of Drones

Reminders:

-Membership Renewals are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Please reach out to us if you need anything.

-Don't forget to communicate through the new Tri-County Discussion Group on Facebook.

The club will offer the Certified Beekeepers Test on May 11, 2019 at Lanier Bee Barn in Commerce. Cost will be \$50. Minimum 1 year experience beekeeping and need to read "First Lessons in Beekeeping" book before taking the test.

Spring GBA Meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> in Augusta.

Upcoming meetings:

February 11<sup>th</sup> Michael Minardi – Mead Making. He will make a batch of mead at this meeting.

March 11<sup>th</sup> Steve Esau – Making Splits

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Roberts, Tri-County Beekeepers Club Secretary. February 27, 2019.