

Tri County Beekeepers Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, our normal face-to-face meeting was cancelled. The Georgia Beekeepers Association has purchased the upgraded version of Zoom to allow local beekeeping clubs to continue meeting, but through a virtual platform. These are the meeting minutes of our virtual meeting. Members and other interested persons were emailed a link preregister for participation in the meeting. They were then emailed a link to enter the meeting.

The online meeting began at 7:04 pm by Bobby Chaisson (Club President), who everybody, including Linda Tillman, President of the Georgia Beekeepers Association (GBA). There were 29 members and guest in attendance.

The speaker was Kathy Bourn of Lake Hartwell Beekeepers Association, who discussed Honey Bee Nutrition. She then held a question/answer session and answered multiple questions from participants.

Announcements:

The GBA Fall Conference was supposed to be held in Gainesville in September. It is now to be a virtual conference due to COVID-19 concerns. The State Honey Show will also be held virtually with members mailing in their entries to be judged through a modified set of rules that the situation demands. Linda Tillman and Bobby Chaisson encouraged members to participate in this first ever (for us) virtual honey show. More information on the conference and the show will be sent out at a later date as the information is ready to release.

Chris Smith asked about the club purchasing Apivar strips in bulk to sell to the club members. Bobby said that could be done and that he will send out a notice in July to determine how many are interested in getting some of the strips. He should have the Apivar ready for the August meeting.

Bobby mentioned that the club's Flow Hive is now storing honey. It has not previously done well, but he took it home and has been working with the bees to help them survive. We will be able to see honey extracted from the Flow Hive at an upcoming meeting.

Bobby mentioned that he and Harold will be asking sometime in July for a few volunteers to assist with building a storage locker for the bee yard to store the extractor and other club supplies. He'll send out information at a later date.

Secretary's Report:

May meeting minutes were emailed out to all members and posted on the website. Motion to accept and seconded by raising of hands.

Treasurer's Report:

Regions Bank account as of May 31 had \$1079.10, and the PayPal account has \$3498.47 for a total of \$4533.31. David Hollomon, club Treasurer, said he wrote a check for \$200 for the year's rent of our meeting location. Bobby Chaisson said he recently got a bill for the GoDaddy renewal of our email services for our website, which is a bit more than \$78 for the year. It will be paid from the PayPal account in the next week or so. The treasurer's report was accepted by motion and show of hands.

Upcoming Club Meeting:

Bobby sent out a poll to be taken during the meeting to determine what type of meeting we will hold in July. The majority of the club said they would like to hold an outdoor meeting in person. Some said they would like to do that with facemasks, and there were some who said they would like to have a Zoom meeting. We will hold the meeting at the bee yard to go over varroa treatments and do some hands-on activities with this while at the same time, we will broadcast a Zoom meeting so those at home can participate without feeling uncomfortable about meeting in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Pamela Wisecup, Tri-County Beekeepers Association Secretary, June 8, 2020.