GCBA Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2019

Annette (President of GCBA) thanked all members who volunteered at the Zoo for the Earth Day Party for the Planet. Volunteers shared their enthusiasm and love for beekeeping with many people. They hosted a honey tasting to a delighted audience.

Annette participated in an educational outreach event at Oatey on Earth Day. It was a presentation that was well received. The company made a generous donation to GCBA to help us carry out our mission to educate the public. Thank you Annette!

Field Day is May 18th! Registration forms are available at the back table. Volunteers are needed for setup and breakdown. Volunteers will receive free admission but will have to buy their own lunch. Veils are required in the bee yard.

Howling Fox Heirloom Tomatoes and Peppers will be at the Fairgrounds during the Field Day. They are donating $1 per plant to GCBA if you mention GCBA to them for every plant sale that day. You can pre-order online.

Don't forget to check out the books for sale on the back table. GCBA was able to purchase a bulk order at reduced rates for the membership.

Swarm season has begun. There is a "Swarm Removal" list of beekeepers on the website that can assist you or your neighbors. Some charge and some don't. Check your hives and stay ahead of them. If they grow quickly, add another box. If you have drawn comb, consider pulling a couple frames from the brood chamber, move them to the upper box and replace them with empty frames. If you want to do a split now…out of state queens are available at this time. Local queens will be several weeks out due to the rainy weather.

Check your overwintered hives for mite counts.

Volunteers are needed for correspondence and other activities. See Allyson or Janice.

Not getting the newsletter…see Janice and confirm your email address.

Treasurer's report by Allyson.

Dolores Watson passed out flyers regarding tree planting activities.

Presentation: Dr. Richard Cryberg discussed the efficacy of oxalic acid/glycerin mixes.

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