

# Stokes County Beekeepers Association

Minutes for Tuesday February 14, 2023

**Present:** Travis Dezarn (President), James Davis (Vice President), Jason Paris (Secretary), Nicky Makruski (Treasurer)

**Absent:** Dale Marshall (Program Chair)

**Welcome**

**Reading of Minutes**

Minutes from October 2022 were read.

**Old Business**

## *Bee School*

A report on Bee School financials was made by Brian Hartman. Bee School Registration fees were \$45 in advance or \$55 at the door this year. After expenses, a surplus of \$366.96 remained.

Line Item	Debit	Credit	Balance
Registration Fees		1,320.00	1,320.00
Farm Bureau Donation		600.00	1,920.00
EventBrite Processing Fees	118.56		1,801.44
Books	797.44		1,004.00
Snacks	118.13		885.87
Hive Tools	216.00		669.87
Supplies	32.91		636.96
Membership Fees	270.00		366.96
Subtotal	1,553.04	1,920.00	

## *2023 Officers*

The officers for 2023 were introduced. They are:

President	Travis Dezarn
Vice President	James Davis
Secretary	Jason Paris
Treasurer	Nicky Makruski
Program Chair	Dale Marshall

## ***4H***

Travis Dezarn reported that a previous decision had been made for SCBA to take over 4H Beekeepers Association. Travis stated that Taylor Hartman had made available lesson plans, 4H guidelines, and was willing to work with leaders to overcome any issues that may arise. No decision was made for dates in 2023 for the 4H to meet.

Any members willing to serve as volunteers to assist with 4H were asked to let Travis know as soon as possible so that background checks could be preformed.

The issue of insurance concerning 4H activities was raised. Robert Smith stated that he believed all activities on the property would be covered under insurance. Brian Hartman stated that insurance would cover official 4H events on the property, but he wasn't sure if it was a blanket wide coverage of any activity on the property.

An inquiry was made about the management and status of the hives on site. Brian Hartman stated that the 2 observation hives on site are managed him. Both hives are alive and well. They are available for 4H and/or SCBA needs.

## ***2023 Speakers***

Travis Dezarn asked for any speaker requests. None were given.

## **New Business**

### ***2023 Swarm List***

A list was passed around for members to sign up to be listed on the website for 2023 swarm list.

### ***Bee Sales***

Travis Dezarn asked if any members would be selling Nucs this spring. There was some interest in bee school members wanting to purchase Nucs. Jason Paris stated that he would have NUCs available late March to early April. It was decided a list of NUC sellers would be added to the website.

### ***This Month in the Beeyard***

Travis Dezarn stated the following should be done in February:

- (a) Order Bees if needed
- (b) Check for Dead outs
- (c) Add Nutrition if needed

All members who where interested in how a mite wash was preformed were invited to attend bee school on Saturday February 18, 2023.

## **Adjournment**

Travis Dezarn reminded everyone that Dr. James Wilkes would be discussing HiveTracks at the next meeting on March 14, 2023. The meeting was then adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday March 14, 2023 - Dr. James Wilkes - HiveTracks