

Stokes County Beekeepers Association

Minutes for Tuesday March 14, 2023

Present: Travis Dezarn (President), James Davis (Vice President), Jason Paris (Secretary), Nicky Makruski (Treasurer), Dale Marshall (Program Chair)

Call to Order

Travis Dezarn called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and members.

Old Business

Bee School

Financial Update

| 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 | |

The field days for those wishing to take the practical portion of the Certified Beekeeper Exam would be May 20th, 2023 and June 14, 2023.

4H

Taylor Harman will be on a zoom call March 21st to address any questions with 4H.

New Business

2023 Speakers (James Davis)

Greg Rogers will be speaking on Spring Management for the April 11th, 2023 meeting.

A proposal was made for Cory Stevens to speak via Zoom for the July meeting at a cost of \$250. A unanimous decision was reached for James Davis to set that up.

22nd Annual Farmer Appreciation Dinner (Brian Cain)

Thursday March, 23, 2023 (6pm - 9pm) - BBQ or Chicken with all the fixings at North Stokes Highschool

Brian Cain asked if the association would like to sponsor a table at the Dinner. A donation minimum of \$100 would be required as well as a gift basket to be raffled off. Volunteers were requested to man the table. Several people volunteered to donate honey no one volunteered to man the table. No consensus was reached.

Website (Jason Paris)

An announcement was made that the minutes for 2023 meetings will be made available on the website..

Anyone wishing to be added to the swarm list or the NUC sale list could sign up by seeing Jason Paris.

In the Hive for March (Travis Dezarn)

The following tasks were suggested to be done in March:

- Split hives to reduce swarming pressure.
- Adding Space to the brood chamber to reduce swarming pressure.
- Set out swarm traps.
- Mite Checks
- Feed 1:1 syrup if needed.
- Supers may need to be added towards the end of March.
- Replace queens if needed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 11, 2023