

Stokes County Beekeepers Association

Minutes for Tuesday May 11, 2023

Present: Travis Dezarn (President), Jason Paris (Secretary), Nicky Makruski (Treasurer),

Absent: James Davis (Vice President), Dale Marshall (Program Chair)

Call to Order

Welcome members and visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Approved minutes from April 11, 2023 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A balance of \$1726.34 was reported for the beginning of the day. Several checks which were received that night were not included in the balance.

Old Business

Bee School

The Stokes County Extension Office cut a check for \$996 to SCBA for the 2023 bee school. The payment processor Event Bright has caused lengthy delays in receiving these funds. Event Bright will no longer be used by the Extension Office going forward.

Bee school practicals will be held at Travis Dezarn's bee yard located at 1398 Cromer Road in King on Saturday May 20th at 9 am. Anyone interested in completing their practical or gaining some hand's on experience were invited to attend.

22nd Annual Farmer Appreciation Dinner

We received \$254 from the Farmer's Appreciation Dinner not including the \$75 from honey sales at the event.

A discussion was had concerning what to do with money from the honey sales. It was decided that since the hives were owned by the association the proceeds would be kept in the SCBA budget to be used for the management costs of the hives.

4H

4H met before the SCBA meeting. There was approximately 5 youth in attendance.

2023 Speakers Update

It was reported that Greg Rogers was paid \$250 for speaking last month. This was in excess of the mileage fee that the association previously voted to pay speakers. A reminder that the association had previously voted to book Cory Steven's to speak via zoom at the July meeting at a cost of \$250 was made. Further discussion resulted in a general consensus that the members would rather watch one of the many Youtube Videos of various speakers speaking at other associations than continue to pay expensive speaker fees. A motion that all speaker fees other than mileage need to be voted on was made and seconded. The motion passed with the support of all members in attendance.

James Davis reported via a phone call that he was working on scheduling Dr. Kaira Wagoner to speak concerning her work on unhealthy brood odor. Her speaking fee would be \$250. A motion was made and seconded to not proceed with scheduling Dr. Wagoner. The motion passed with the support of all members in attendance.

New Business

Fundraising

Travis Dezarn asked everyone to consider possible means for raising funds for the association. This resulted in a brief discussion about members possibility donating honey to be sold at the fair. Benjamin Vasquez stated that if any members would assist him with a cut out he would donate the proceeds from the job. It was decided to revisit this topic at a later meeting.

Meeting Location

Travis Dezarn reported that he had reached out to Forsyth Tech to see about the possibility of using their Dodgetown Rd location for meetings and/or bee school. He reported that there is a possibility of Forsyth tech paying the association if their facility is used for bee school. There is also a possibility of using their facility for free for weekly meetings if there is already a class using the facility. A brief discussion was had about the association out growing the current meeting room at Extension. It was decided that Travis should continue to discuss options with Forsyth Tech.

Mac Computer Class For Club Member

Travis Dezarn reported that the Extension Office offered to hold a crash course in using the Mac and the screen in the meeting room for an association member. Volunteers were asked for. Jason Paris stated that if no one else came forward he would be willing to do it.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 13, 2023