

Stokes County Beekeepers Association

Minutes for Tuesday July 11, 2023

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

Absent: Dale Marshall (Program Chair)

Call to Order

Travis Dezarn called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Nicky Makruski reported that as of July 1, 2023 the balance was \$3,133.60.

Old Business

Association Hives

Jason Paris reported that he had inspected the association hives in June. Swarm cells were found in one hive. Using the swarm cells, a split was made. A mite wash was performed on the two existing hives. Only 1 mite was found.

A request for volunteers to treat the hives was made. Dan Joyner volunteered to treat the hives with his "Mighty Mite Killer" so there would be no cost to the association.

New Business

Mentors

Cindy Willard requested help in inspecting her hives. Jame Davis volunteered to assist her.

Travis Dezarn stated that a request for a mentor in the Lawsonville area had been made. Anyone willing to help was asked to see Travis after the meeting to get contact information.

Stokes County Fair

Travis Dezarn asked if anyone would be willing to sell donated honey at the fair in order to raise money for the association. James Davis stated that he would be willing to sell at the fair, but he'd prefer to sell his honey and then donate a portion of the sales to the association. An idea was proposed that instead of selling honey, we sell tickets to win a gift basket. Brian Cain stated that he would be responsible for assembling the gift basket. All members who were willing to donate honey and/or items to the gift basket were asked to bring them to the August meeting.

Membership Increase

Benjamin Vazquez proposed that instead of selling honey at the fair, or donating honey to be sold that the membership fee should be increased. Several people agreed that the \$10 annual membership was low. After a brief discussion Travis Dezarn tabled the discussion until the bylaws could be consulted.

Announcements

4H will be extracting honey on August 8th, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Extension Building. Any SCBA members willing to help are invited to attend.

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 8th, 2023