

# Stokes County Beekeepers Association

## Minutes for Tuesday June 11, 2024

### **Present:**

Katie Sizemore (President), Karen Butner (Treasurer), Marcus Wright (Secretary)

### **Absent:**

Dan Joyner (Vice President), Brian Cain (Program Manager)

### **Call to Order:**

Katie called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. and announced the speaker was not available tonight but would be willing to speak to the club in the future.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the May minutes as posted on the SCBA web site.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Karen reported a balance of \$3794.24

### **Old Business:**

The club's new Hillco Enduro Honey 6-frame electric extractor was delivered. It is at Travis' house. A motion was made to buy tie-down straps and food grade grease to include in the extractor rental. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Another motion was made to include a terms of use agreement with an equipment checklist. The motion was seconded and passed. Katie will work on the terms of use agreement. These will be presented at the July meeting. A list of suggestions, abbreviated here, was made from the floor:

- Include using only hot water to clean the equipment
- Require photos to be taken by renter before and after use
- Limit rental to members only
- Designate the Vice President to handle storage and monitoring of location and condition of extractor, as the role of the Vice President, per club bylaws, includes care of the club's property
- Hold a club demo of proper extractor use
- Enforce a maximum rental term of 3 days
- Rent on first-come first-served basis as opposed to requiring or accepting reservations
- Suggest renters bolt the extractor to a stable platform
- Designate the Treasurer to provide the extension office with a list of members in good standing who are eligible for extractor rental

The bee school practical was held at Travis Dezarn's property where 4 people passed the test.

**New Business:**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to observe the new federal milage rate for speakers.

Cindy reported that her outreach with Katie at an Earth Day event for children went well. Katie and Darrell reported that they spoke to 5th graders in Stokes County, which was also beneficial. The club was encouraged to continue public outreach.

Interest in club T-shirts was expressed, and Darrel retrieved a small supply of shirts. After some discussion, ordering and selling new T-shirts was tabled for the July meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 9, 2024. The speaker, Robert Smith, will address entering items in fairs.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

8:37 p.m.