

Ashe County Beekeeping Association (ACBA)
Minutes of the 4/10/14 Board Meeting

1. Board members present: Harry Galer, Fowler Bush, Helen Baldwin, Joy Lewis and Doug Ehrhardt
2. For the meeting tonight, Harry will discuss:
 - a. Dues and sign in sheets
 - b. Name tags
 - c. Hive split class - scheduled for May 10 and will cost \$20/person to attend plus \$5 for a sack lunch (optional). The class will be from 9 am -12 noon with a Q&A session after lunch.
 - d. Bee yard report:
 1. Jim Smith of Beeware will be selling buckwheat seeds @ \$1.25/pound
 - e. Q&A, if enough are interested tonight will begin @ 6:30 PM
 - f. Joy Lewis presented the updated artwork for the logo and it was approved by Board (quorum was in attendance.) Joy will get estimates from several vendors for getting embroidered hats and t-shirts. Single color?? White is cheapest, but can also look to a color, or more than one color. After estimates are received, then we'll decide on who we will use for the items and can get orders.
 - g. Treasurer's Report - \$1534.47 balance
 - h. A question was raised re: spending on speakers? There are fees for some speakers: generally desire to receive mileage and we treat them to dinner.
 - i. A motion was made and approved to have Doug be point person to pursue website and develop a local access for website using the services of Ric Kolseth.
 - j. Harry feels we need to ensure that our association does 3 things:
 1. Website to stay interesting
 2. Fundraising
 3. Interesting speakers
3. The BOD meeting ended @ 6:30 pm as members began arriving.

Q&A: Bob Cole offered the following 1) Questions and 2) Answers.

1. When you get a new package, how do you know there aren't any African bees present. Bob recommends you sit down when the package is first set up and observe the first round of bees from package or nuc. Generally, there are two types of robbing: 1) If bees land and walk in bottom board, and if such is the case, then you are OK. 2) If they come and fly straight into the colony, then they are African bees. In the latter case, you should try to destroy the queen. Bees coming out of Texas and Mississippi have had problems with African bees. Why does this happen? Experience has shown that they demonstrate these two ways of entering the hive.
2. From last year, people said that when they put their new packages or nucs in a 10 frame box, there were problems with wax moths. How should you install the nucs or the package? Put in the 4 or 5 frames of nuc and add other frames or pour in bees from the package to the 10 frames? In Europe after they started using frames, when you put in 5 nuc frames and 5 empty frames you have exposed the hive to potential invasion of the wax moths. Bob recommended using a panel to prevent having the potential for wax moths on the empty frames and as the frames from the nucs get filled, then add additional frames.