

Ashe County Beekeepers Association

BOD Meeting

1 May 2014 @ 1400

1. Attendees: Harry Galer, Doug Ehrhardt, Joy Lewis, Helen Baldwin, Richard Isler. Not in attendance - Fowler Bush, Les Jacobs and Gwen Campbell.
2. Harry began the meeting by sharing that Micah and another employee have an after school program. Tomorrow, for example, they will bring a sheep and a goat to the designated locale. Next year, Harry asked if it would be possible to bring a hive? For safety, may need to be sealed. Doug made a reference to Shelley Felder's portable demo hive. No action.
3. A comment was shared regarding Bob Cole's answer to a Q&A from the last meeting that bees approaching a hive either fly right in or land on base and walk up to entrance. This is indicative of the species.
4. Agenda for this meeting? No!
 - a. Only two things needed: get organized for speaker for next week. Jim Miles will discuss swarming. Helen suggested that we take Miles to Boonedocks? Agreed, for those who can make it to meet @ 4:45 PM. Re: Gas money? Jim now lives in Wilkesboro so we will pay \$15.
 - b. Planned meetings for the remainder of the year:
 1. The June meeting - planned speaker is Jill Sidebottom, part of NC State Experiment that put hives in tree farms. She will update on program and outcome. Also Greg Hershner will talk on sting reactions.
 2. July - plan to have panel of beekeepers to respond to general Q&A. Also, they can speak on what they would like to talk about. Possible panelists: Jerry Ferrington, James Wilkes, Greg Hershner, Bob Cole and Randy Baldwin. Recommend we try to keep the number of panelists down to three. Also identified Lida Pugh (80 YO)? Benny Roten and Charles Seivert.
 3. August - Joy Lewis will discuss/describe her homemade concoctions, e.g., honey be healthy.
 4. September - Last month, Bob Cole displayed/sold books and items. It was recommended we have a local fair of products, and recommend that as a "voluntary" donation, bazaar participants donate 10% back to club.
 5. October - do a talk on preparations for wintering.
 6. November - discussed eat and vote.
 - c. Raffle funds - \$106 was raised from the hive raffle.
5. T-shirts - logo has been sent off to a source for digitizing...want to have a sample before going ahead with ordering hats and shirts.
6. Doug demo'd a mock up of the website proposal. All concurred that the mock site should move ahead to full functionality...hope to have a working site to show at the June meeting. The officers and BOD will need to meet in late May/early June to develop content.