

ACBA
March 10, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome back! Anyone here for the first time (if so, glad to have you!). How are everyone's bees? Have you seen them bringing in pollen? Reports of light yellow and red so far.
2. A few announcements:
 - a. Introduce new officers and board members:
 - Bill Naser - Treasurer (had to leave for another meeting tonight)
 - Mike Haworth - Program Chair
 - Board members - Paulette Lawrence, Maggie McClelland
 - Returning – Randy Baldwin - President, Helen Baldwin - vice-president , Doug Ehrhardt - secretary, Les Jacobs - board member
 - b. Be sure to get a swarm lure for paying your dues tonight. If you didn't have a chance to pay your dues before the meeting, Helen will take care of it after the meeting if Bill hasn't returned. Chapter dues are \$10 for individual, \$15 for family; state dues are \$15.
 - c. Nucs for sale - H.S.Greene has some nucs available (\$140, scheduled to arrive 1st two weeks of April, weather permitting). If you're interested, you can talk to H.S. after the meeting and get more information . *{If Shelley's there, ask if she has any more nucs}*.
 - d. Reminder of Alleghany group's upcoming beekeeping class with Greg Fariss.
 - Dates: Thursdays - March 17, 24, 31 and April 7
 - Time: 7pm
 - Location:Conference room of the Blue Ridge Business Development Center on Alleghany campus of WCC (115 Atwood Street, Sparta)
 - Cost: \$40 - Includes \$10 Alleghany membership and \$15 NCSBA membership. **Hyou provide 2016 membership card, price is \$25.**
 - As of 2-29,there was room for @ 5 more attendees.
 - Contact: Bob Jones - bjedits@skybest.com or Helen - 982-8289 (she'll pass info on to Bob)
 - e. Saturday, April 2 (weather permitting):An opportunity for anyone to join Joey Bullin for a field day in his bee yard in Boonville. No charge, but RSVP is appreciated. Contact either Randy or Helen at 336-982-8289 or Joey at 336-244-1415 for more info and, if the weather is questionable,to check on the status of the event.
 - f. Our April meeting (14th) - Jim Miles will talk about splitting hives. Depending on the weather and availability of queen cells, he will teach a hands-on hive-splitting class at 7 Stands Farm the following Saturday (16th) or the next Saturday (23rd).
 - Cost - \$20 + \$5 for bag lunch (optional) Number of openings - @ 20
 - Sign up sheet for class
3. Tonight's program: James Wilkes - Opening your hive
4. Randy - Nucs