

ACBA
July 14, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome – Randy Baldwin, President
2. News/Announcements:
 - a. License plates (from Jenny Fitzpatrick, BeeAware team coach): *Our plate will be available on the DMV site as soon as they mail out the last of our pre-ordered plates. The people who ordered the custom plates still have not received them. They were sent to the custom plate division on 5/20 and it takes 4-6 weeks to get those out. Please let those in your club that ordered custom plates (words/ phrases, specific numbers...) know that these should be out to them by the end of June.* As of Friday, the other ‘Save the Honey Bee’ plate (a partial specialty plate) was the only one showing up. We’ll keep checking and will send an announcement when they’re available.
 - b. WCC Class dates (Wilkes campus):
 - Beginning Beekeeping - Aug 23 - Sept 15 (T Th, 6:30-9 pm) - \$71.25
 - Intermediate Beekeeping - Sept 20 - Oct 13 (T Th, 6:30-9pm) - \$71.25
 - For more info, contact Jeff Shore - 336-838-6206
 - c. Shelley (The Honey Hole) usually teaches a beginning beekeeping class at the Ashe and Alleghany campuses, but we don’t have a schedule yet.
 - d. **NCSBA Bee Buzz:** Article in the latest issue about H. S. Greene and his “Happy Honey Bottler.” For more info about his products - hiddenhappinessbeefarms.com.
 - e. **2016 Dues:** If you haven’t paid your local dues yet, please make arrangements to do that. Local dues are \$10/individual, \$15/family. State membership (optional) is \$15/person. Bill Naser, our treasurer, will take them.
 - f. **Refreshments:** Maggie’s the one who has been spoiling us with delicious treats for each meeting this year; many thanks to her!
3. **Program:** We’re fortunate to have Greg Fariss here tonight to talk about Pests and Diseases. Greg is the State Apiary Inspector for this area and is available to check hives; he checked Maggie’s hives (European Foulbrood) a couple of months ago, and since she lives next door to Harry, he checked Harry’s hives, too. His business cards are on the table. Greg’s remarks focused on varroa mites (why they need to be checked/controlled now and options for doing that).
4. **Closing:** Thanks for coming tonight! We hope to see you next month on August 11, when Joey Bullin will talk about his success using grease patties for mite control.

Be sure to leave your name tag on the table!