

Ashe County Beekeeping Association
BOD Meeting
February 19, 2018

Attendees: Randy Baldwin, Maggie McClelland, Bill Naser, Paulette Lawrence, Jeffrey Taylor and Doug Ehrhardt.

1. The first order of business was to review/discuss the tentative schedule Maggie is developing re: ACBA meetings planned for the year...
 - March 8 - feeding and nuc installation. Speakers to include Randy Baldwin and H.S. Greene. Door prizes are needed so anyone willing to contact local businesses to seek donations are encouraged.
 - April 12 - Jim Miles is being invited to talk about swarming, but there was concern that the topic may be too early in the season to be relevant to Ashe Co beekeepers, so as an alternative, we may consider hive splitting.
 - May 10 - Bob Cole is being invited to discuss swarming.
 - June 14 - Greg Fariss to discuss diseases of bees.
 - July 12 – an invitation is being extended to the new 3rd Day Market on Hwy. 18 going to Jefferson Landing, to discuss pollinator plants for bees, if they would be willing to attend. If not, an alternative landscaping resource would be considered. Suggestions??
 - August 9 - Joey Bullins is being invited to discuss treatments for mites.
 - September 13 - Jim Rash is being invited...he is developing a calendar to show various elements of beekeeping, e.g., seasonal plants and activities for beekeepers.
 - October 11 – winterizing, speaker TBD.
 - November 8 – annual pot luck and officer nominations/election.
2. There was discussion regarding Wilkes beekeeping association having food at each meeting...would we want to consider? We could have Little Caesar's Pizza as a test. Also other snacks may be a consideration. More study needed, although if we have at 1st meeting, it may prove to be useful for garnering good attendance.
3. Randy discussed door prizes - pollinator seeds, hive tools, queen catchers, and our ACBA cap and tees...discussion on how much to charge.
4. Maggie suggested as a potential activity to encourage participation is to have monthly Bee Open Houses at a member's bee yard to see various aspects of beekeeping...
 - April 7 - bee yard open house @ Maggie home from 0900-1200...possibly have a demonstration on how to resurrect a dead hive.
 - Other volunteers??
5. At regular meetings, Maggie recommended some other activities to get attendee interest.
 - Slide show on bees, beekeeping at the front end of a meeting (Doug will take for action).
 - Bee "Jeopardy"
 - Encourage attendees who want to share information or ask questions to please attend the Q&A at the start of a meeting so as to not take up too much time during the meeting...start @ 7:00 PM and be done by 8:30 PM
6. Opening demo at the March 8 meeting will be to have a demonstration of the ACBA website, www.ashebeekeepers.org.
7. Adjourned @ 1445.