

OOBEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES JAN 10, 2023

Meeting was held at the Tasley Firehouse in Tasley VA

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

President Tara Southard discussed:

1. Next meeting is February 11th at 10:00am and will start promptly. Officers to arrive at 9:30am to set up and anyone else that wants to come and socialize or assist setting up.
2. Dues – please pay your dues. See our Treasurer Sandra Scher
3. Is anyone going to the conference at Longwood University besides Tia and Tara? No

The reading of the minutes from October were read by Secretary Tia Bell – approved

4. Tara talked about the very successful November Bee class. We had 28 Students. The students compliments the ability to have a mentor and the food provided. All the instructors were thanked and told how much the Club and the students appreciated all the information. Hands on beekeeping came on the last day of the class, but she doesn't think they sold a lot of supplies. Due to the cost of gas, travel time and the CBBT toll, they may not come back unless we have pre-orders.
5. Also discussed the mentor/mentee process. Those involved have been notified and called.
6. Book sales are ongoing but we will have a good supply of them.
7. Did anyone apply for the free beehive program with the state? Yes 3 applied 1 person got hives. Awesome for our Club

TREASURES REPORT: Current balance held in the bank account is: \$1858.42

Tara introduced our guest speaker who was on Zoom, Dr. Kaira Wagoner, Ph.D. from the University North Carolina Greensboro. Dr. Wagoner provided a power point presentation on multiple topics including The Science of Honey Bee Brood Signaling Hygiene and Health, Unhealthy Brood Odor (UBO), the affects of wire foundation, different Queen types, fuel for smokers and how they affect the bees. Her presentation was not recorded but if you go to YOUTUBE and search for "Inside the Hive TV" you can watch bascially what she presented to us. www.Opterabees.com is a new way to treat for varroa mites using a spray that will be available for purchase soon.

Several members asked questions including the shortened live span of honey bees, drifting bees, Brood comb fever and higher viruses in bees.

One new member from Kitty Hawk NC with a farm located in Deep Creek joined our club.

The meeting was ajorned at 8:14pm.

**On 1/12/2023, Treasurer Sandra Scher and Secretary Tia G. Bell went to Atlantic Union Bank and opened a new 501c3 Business Account. Just need Ms. Ghormley to go to the bank and transfer our funds from the old account to our new account. We get our first set of checks for free, but we did have to deposit \$25 to open the account which we used Linda Williams Tucker's dues and Sandra's \$5.00 to open.