

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES FEB 11, 2023

Meeting was held at the Tasley Firehouse in Tasley VA

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am with 14 people in attendance.

President Tara Southard and Vice President Mickey Palmer were not in attendance, Secretary Tia G. Bell opened up the meeting with the following:

- Welcome and introductions since there were folks in attendance that are not members. Help yourselves to the snacks and coffee/water in the kitchen.

SECRETARY REPORT: The reading of the minutes from the Jan 10th meeting read by Secretary Tia Bell – all approved.

TREASURES REPORT: by Sandra Scher: Current balance held in the bank account is: \$1868.42. The 501c3 has been completed and now Sandra and Tia are on the account at Atlantic Union Bank.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Who still needs/wants a mentor? Those in attendance quickly agreed to help each other and there were 3 that connected and now have mentors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Next meeting is at the BIC On March 7th at 6:00pm. You do not want to miss this. Eric Talley will be here to discuss preparing for spring.
- There will be an open hive event on April 15th, sign up required with only 20 spots open. The signup sheet went around and there are 4 people signed up.
- There are a few upcoming meetings, to include VA Beekeepers Association June 10-11th at Sweet Briar College, EAS Eastern Apicultural Society July 3 – Aug 4th in Amherst.
- Where can you get bees this year? Back Forty Bees Williamsburg, Licho about April 20th NUCS for \$140 call 757-709-8963.
- ANEC will be holding there Arbor Day event again this year on April 29th, with the pollentors trees available for free. There will be some set up changes, making everyone that wants trees actually have to go through all the tent area and see the displays. They would like for us to set up again this year. We told Mark to sign us up.
- Open discussion regarding VDOT and ANEC and crop spraying in the area of hives.
- Everyone that attended say they would like to see another Beekeepers class in November vice the spring. This allows them more time to prepare for bee's.
- Tia went over Tara's notes and her notes from the first annual Beekeepers conference in Farmville VA on Jan 14th. Lots of questions which turned to the open discussion. One highlight was to download and read the 160 page "Fat Bees Skinny Bees" pdf file.

Most folks stuck around and talked further and exchanged phone numbers. Sandra paid the firehouse the \$50 for the use of the facility and the kitchen.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am