

BGES MEETING 10-11-2022

Tara opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She then asked Tim to go over the minutes of our last meeting which he did..

She then asked Sandra for the treasurer report which she and Nancy gave. They also went over how the 501C process has not been completed yet to change over the checking account to our current officers and gave our balance as \$786.27.

Tara then went over several upcoming events

1. Our January speaker will be Kiara Wagoner who is a biologist speaking on zoom about raising hygienic bees and varroa problems.
2. Tara and Leilani went over our upcoming class for new beekeepers on November 5th and 12th and Tara said Hands on Beekeepers will be here on then 12th for providing supplies.
3. She then went over the Virginia hive give-away program which if you apply for, it is done on a lottery system. It is held between Oct. 26th and Nov. 10th at VDACS.VA.gov.
4. The next item was how and when to order t-shirts/sweatshirts. More information is needed.
5. Last was a discussion on crimson clover and more info needed on that also.

Bill then gave a report on the Kiptopeak event he represented us at. He said it was well attended and people showed a lot of interest in his display.

Next Mickey gave an invite to anyone who wanted to attend a Lifetime Learning Event on beekeeping she will be giving on October 21st at 10:45 at the community college. She then gave the first half of a talk on how to help your bees survive the winter. This was done using a slide presentation given to us from Eric Talley at our last meeting. She went over subjects like checking the health of your hives against invaders and merging hives that are too weak and need honey to survive.

Tara then gave the second half of winterizing for success by talking about feeding, reducing air flow top and bottom, covers and windbreaks. After a lively question and answer period the meeting ended.