

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Meeting was held at the Tasley Fire House in Tasley VA

Meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by President Tara Southard. There were 20 members in attendance.

President Tara Southard opened up the meeting with the following:

- Showed pictures from the Bee Conference of an up close and personal honey bee. So close you could see that their hair has hair.
- Last meeting was the open hive event on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Mike Obrien's Apairy in Hallwood. Very successful. They marked drones and did hive inspections. Some watched a swarm take place and other watched virgin queens hatch.
- The club will purchase honey bee heathy and pass it out in 3oz sizes at the picnic.
- The Arbor Day event was a success with lots of visitors. We had such a great booth set up.
- REMINDER – The picnic is June 30<sup>th</sup> form 5-8pm at the home of George and Leilani Brown. Please plan on attending. Chris will be cooking up some sort of meat on his slow cooker.
- REMINDER – Dues are coming in June, its \$20 for the year from each family. Some still owe for 2022. Please reach out to Tia or Sandra to see if you owe. Bring a check to the picnic for your dues.

**TREASURES REPORT:** by Sandra Scher: Current balance held in the bank account is: \$1848.53.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- T-Shirts sales ongoing. Please see Tia if you want to place an order
- On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, will have representation at the new Gym at the YMCA in Cape Charles, David, Suzanne, Chris, Art (possibly) and Bill will be attending
- Does anyone want to do a cut out in Cape Charles? – No one
- The VABKA State meeting is June 10-11<sup>th</sup> in Amherst VA at Sweet Briar college is anyone is interested in attending. Kierra Wagoneer will be one of the presenters.

PRESENTATION on Grafting Queens, a power point provided by ERIC TALLEY

We went around the room, stated our names and talked about how our bees are doing. Great season for bee's and it seems like many are expanding their apairies. What wonderful news!

Suzanne suggested we get a master gardener in for what to plant for fall pollentation.

The meeting was adjorned at 11:45

If you want to be a member of the VA State Beekeepers Association, please send a \$10 check to:

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