

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 30th 2023

Meeting was held In the Garage of Tia And Trower Bell's Vacation Rental for a honey extraction demonstration.

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by President Tara Southard. There were 20.5 members in attendance.

List of officers

Tara Southard - President

Chris Kutyla - Vice President

Tia Bell - Secretary

Sandra Scher - Treasure

Art Vancil - Social Media

George Brown - Webmaster

President Tara Southard opened up the meeting with the following:

- Each member is to take a bottle of Honey Bee Healthy on the table that the club purchased and Tara was so kind as to divide up in small bottles, thank you Tara! We had left overs from the picnic.
- If you decided to attend the State Bee Conference in Williamsburg, the club will pay your entrance fees, we just ask that you report back to the club what you learned.
- Ag Fair on Oct 7th will be attended by Niall, Ann, Sandy, Sandra and Kevin Willis. Registration has been complete. Tia loaned her tent to Niall for the event. Tables and Chairs will be needed.
- Beekeeping class is Nov. 4th and 11th at the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church Onancock
- **Our next meeting will be Oct 14th time is TBD at the home of Chris and Maria Kutyla. Address will be provided in the email body and on the private face book page for the BGES. Please bring a chair!**
- Tara did the "The New Roots Youth Garden outreach" on July 9th. Big success.
- T-Shirt order was a huge success and we still have 4 for sale, sold 2 more. Two remains.
- REMINDER – Dues are past due. Please reach out to Tia or Sandra to see if you owe.
- Linda Williams Tucker is going to PA at the end of October and plans to buy some Red Crimson Clover, while there if you want some let her know. Parksley Livestock Supply says their supplier has it on backorder so that is why the club hasn't purchased any. You can also buy online Amazon. Mike says turnip greens and purple tops are also good for the bee.
- Chris talked about some of his ways of extracting honey and some of the cool tools he uses to check the moisture content in honey. Mike Obrien will post pictures of how he stores his hive boxes outside to keep the moths out.

TREASURES REPORT: by Tara: Current balance held in the bank account is: \$2241.27

Upcoming plans for 2023 and 2024:

- Saturday October 14th -@ 10am - Winter Preparation – Chris’s home
- Dec - No meeting – Merry Christmas
- Saturday November 4 & 11@ 8:30 - 1:30 - Beekeeping Class
Location - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church Onancock
Sandra will order the books and Tia will make up the folders, Chris will be the lead on Nov 4 and Tara will be the lead on Nov 11.
- Saturday January 13th @ 10am - Location: Tasley Firehouse & ZOOM. Sandra has secured our speaker to be Jane w/ Master Gardeners.
- Saturday February 17th @ 10am – Speaker
- Location - Barrier Island Center & ZOOM, Chris will work on speaker
- Saturday March 9th @ 10am - General Meeting - how are your bees?? Preparing for Spring Swarm Season! Location - Tasley Firehouse & ZOOM
- April - Open Hive Day
- May - Nothing Yet

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am and the honey extraction demonstration started. Tara, Chris, George and Tia all demonstrated how they extract honey. Lots of questions.

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

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