

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES 06.11.2022

Meeting was held at the home of George and Leilani Brown, Onancock VA

Meeting was kicked off with words from our new President, Tara Southard.

1. Membership dues need to be paid up and if your address, cell phone or email address have changed or needs updating please see the Secretary.
2. Don't forget to vote on the honey contest on the table, winners will be announced at the end of the picnic
3. We have plants and Crimson Clover for sale
4. Leilani has a book on display for showing children about bees
5. There are books at the Foggy Bottom Café we might be interested in regarding honey bees
6. There are items under the tree for sale or for swap
7. If interested in selling your honey at the Onancock Farmers Market, we have a spot already and it only costs \$15 a week
8. We discussed the honey house and commercial kitchen details
9. Leilani talked about keeping water out for your bees by using plates or saucers with rocks in them around your yard for the honey bees
10. Tara thanked our previous officers, George, Thor, Nancy and Teresa.

New officers sworn in:

Tara Southard – President
Mickey Palmer – Vice President
Sandra Sterling – Secretary
Sandra Scher - Treasurer

Tara gave a report on experience she witnessed. She thought her bees were swarming, but what they were doing was providing the virgin queen an escort for her mating flight. They flew back into the hive. Others chimed in about seeing the same thing happen.

Next meeting to be held September at the Naomie Makemie Church in Onancock VA from 1000-1200

October meeting will be held 10 Oct 2022 at 6:30pm at the Barrier Island Center (BIC) in Machipongo VA from 6:00-7:00pm

Dues each year are due in July, \$20 for BGES and \$10 for VA State Beekeepers association

Picnic was kicked off and everyone enjoyed some wonderful food provided by the members and chicken from the association.

The meeting ended announcing the winners of the honey contest, Chris Willis took FIRST PLACE, Sandy Sterling and Mickey Palmer tied for second and Tia G. Bell Third place.

The meeting and picnic were adjourned at 2:00pm

* UPDATE – before the minutes were sent out, due to surgery shortly after accepting the position, Sandy Sterling had to step down as the BGES Secretary and Tia Bell voted in.