

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES THURSDAY SEPT. 1TH, 2025

Meeting was held at The Eastern Shore Library, Parksley VA

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by President Niall Finnegan. There were 25 members and non-members in attendance. 4 ON ZOOM

List of officers – 2024-25 year

Niall Finnegan – President

Kevin Willis – Vice President

Tia Bell – Secretary

Denise Lynn – Treasure *New

George Brown – Webmaster

Art Vancil – Social Media

Mentorship Program Managers Northampton Cty – Suzanne Omrod and David Schmidt

Niall opened the meeting with:

- A motion to accept the May minutes as written, accepted by all, no Nay's.
- Treasures report - \$3875.52
- Old Business:
 - Volunteers helping with the campers with the Northampton County Extension office. 3 Different events. Kids really enjoyed themselves. Niall Thanked all those who participated and volunteered at the Refuge Center & the BIC.
- New Business:
 - BGES class circulum will change. Eric Talley provided Onslow Cty. NC class presentation. We will be changing it to 3 days verses 2 to ensure that we cover all the basic information. The committee will include:
 - Art – IT Business
 - Niall
 - Thor
 - Tia
 - Ann
 - *later addition, Bettina
- Verbal Presentation was given by Thor regarding his resent unexpected and very scarey bee sting story. Everyone was very turned in with lots of questions afterwards. Please, go back and watch the recorded zoom meeting so you can listen to what happened.

Some of the key take-aways here:

- o Keep an Epi-Pen within easy reach.
- o Know how to use one; read the instructions and try out the test pen that's included in the box
- o If you have to use the second pen to re-administer, wait four minutes after the first shot before doing so.
- o Know the symptoms of anaphylactic shock and pay attention to warning signs.

- Niall closed with a reminder to pay your dues for the 25-26 year and we still have decals for sale.

- **MEETING ZOOM RECORDING**



- SEPT. 11th THURSDAY 6PM LIBRARY, Parksley VA

https://zoom.us/rec/share/gi-bf6gvdq00Gulo61MGubYzaB9sazRiRILkba-AvBc_4nKGP0D70DwIKht1OaAl.Ut9scy8_zFKG96gm

Passcode: vi.E6kdf

If you want to pay your dues via mail: Please use this link, print out the form (if you can) and mail check to Denise Lynn

13154 Wilsonia Drive

Machipongo VA 23405

bgesva.org/files/BGESMembershipApplication2025.pdf

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

VSBA 201 Bluebird Lane

Charlotte Court House, VA 23923

*****Update: they now take payments online \$10.00 no fee*****

- OCT 11th SATURDAY 10AM BIC, Machipongo VA

- Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94659664914?pwd=8Z78rhS7pcbNkan1BoloNxLaACdLga.1>

Meeting ID: 946 5966 4914

Passcode: 072536

- NOV 18th TUESDAY 6PM LIBRARY, Parksley VA
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/98593737803?pwd=4JxzPKn58K54XVZSoUH57zhCFxi4gq.1>

Meeting ID: 985 9373 7803

Passcode: 140251

- DEC NO MEETING
- JAN beginner beekeeper class

SATURDAY January 17th, 24th, and the 31st 10am - 3pm LIBRARY, Parksley VA

Take note, class has now been changed to 3 days because we are changing up the curriculum based off the last 3 years for feedback from the students. We will be reaching out to all of you for your support in participating in the class by either being on the committee for the course, helping set up, giving a lecture or assisting with a lecture, helping with the food arrangements, taking down tables after the class etc...

- FEB 14th, 10 AM BIC, Machipongo VA
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/99144328324?pwd=k9t1WDTV9r79Oo1Bj5G2uLf1hZqIR4.1>

Meeting ID: 991 4432 8324

Passcode: 341969

- MAR 12th Thursday 6PM LIBRARY, Parksley VA
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/99634513194?pwd=9HMsudleblcQ0CqPOcgy0lCUjfsbyq.1>

Meeting ID: 996 3451 3194

Passcode: 385228

- APR 11th 10 AM BIC, Machipongo VA
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/97391561872?pwd=dD1MZWshHlOa6JoAvK2ZaL2x6XnYQc.1>

Meeting ID: 973 9156 1872

Passcode: 539365

- MAY 14th 6PM LIBRARY, Parksley VA
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/95756064844?pwd=mrCDzDooehPwEbKkY5NLlOFDrjiac.1>

Meeting ID: 957 5606 4844
Passcode: 683648

- JUNE PICNIC TBD
- JULY AND AUGUST NO MEETINGS