

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES SATURDAY APRIL 12th, 2025

Meeting was held at The Barrier Island Center, BIC

Meeting was called to order at 10:13 am by President Niall Finnegan. There were 19 members and non-members in attendance, 2 on Zoom.

List of officers – 2024-25 year

Niall Finnegan – President

Kevin Willis – Vice President

Tia Bell – Secretary

Sandra Scher – Treasurer

George Brown – Webmaster

Art Vancil – Social Media

Mentorship Program Managers – Suzanne Omrod and David Schmidt

Niall opened the meeting with:

- A motion to accept the March Minutes as written, accepted by all, no Nay's.
- Treasures report - \$3243.32
- Recent expenses: \$50 to BIC, \$126 to Niall for the Club Tent Purchase, \$15 to Art for buying the honey bee flyers online. (honey.com)
- Upcoming events:
 - Earth Day Event on the 26th of April in Town of Exmore – Sandy Sterling is leading that one (\$25 Donation provided for advertising)
 - Arbor Day Event on the 26th of April at ANEC – Niall is leading this one
- Niall asked how many people lost hives this year? 5 people spoke up. Sandy and Tara talked about their hives and the DNA since both hives that died were from the same colony (one swarmed). Lots of bee's with butts out and heads in making them think of starvation. Two very large balls of bee's. Mike Ledoux in Hayes VA said out of 200 hives he lost 100. Most are losing 50-80% of their colonies.
- Tara talked about her mentee event open hive and wanted to remind everyone of watching out for heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Recognize the signs and know the difference.

HEAT EXHAUSTION:

Dizziness with fainting*

Elevated heart rate*

Inability to walk or stand*

Nausea or vomiting*

Loss of appetite

Signs & symptoms of dehydration*

Fatigue

Heat cramps

Elevated respiratory rate

Cool, clammy, pale, ashen (gray) or slightly flushed skin

Weakness

HEAT STROKE: **YOU DO NOT WANT TO GET TO THIS POINT**

Moist, pale or flushed skin*

No or some sweating*

Rapid, shallow breathing*

Seizure*

Unresponsiveness*

Rapid, weak heartbeat*

Confusion*

Nausea or vomiting*

Headache or dizziness*

Weakness

Exhaustion

- New Business:
 - Those attending the events on the 26th please stay behind so Niall can give you the flyers and stuff for the booths.
 - Next meeting has been moved to the Parksley Library May 15th at 6pm
 - www.lifehive.io – check it out. Heated frames – 104degrees for 3 hours. Idea is to kill the mites before they start.
 - May guest speaker, A master naturalist
- Art displayed a powerpoint quiz which everyone seems to love. You can take the test yourself and see how you do. We had a great time. I would say we got at C on this test as a group. The quiz is

here https://pollinators.msu.edu/sites/_pollinators/rise360/diagnostic-tools-for-honey-bee-diseases/index.html#/

Meeting was adjourned @ 11:00 am

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THANK YOU TO ALL who brought coffee and goodies

If you want to pay your dues via mail: Please use this link, print out the form (if you can) and mail check to Sandra Scher BGES Treasurer 1 Jefferson Street Onancock VA 23417

[BGESMembershipApplication2024.pdf \(bgesva.org\)](#)

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*****

Friday May 15th at 6PM Eastern Shore Library in Parksley, VA

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97846779964?pwd=yuN4f8cpGwoZ2sRNnvQzO00N5E87eE.1>

Meeting ID: 978 4677 9964

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June picnic TBD