

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES THURSDAY MAY 15TH, 2025

Meeting was held at The Eastern Shore Library, Parksley VA

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by President Niall Finnegan. There were 17 members and non-members in attendance. None 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 April Minutes as written, accepted by all, no Nay's.
- Treasures report - \$2956.40
- Old Business:
 - Earth Day Event on the 26th of April in Town of Exmore –Great event. Observation hive was a huge hit. Tent was GREAT but its not a one person job. Lots of vendors and clubs in attendance.
 - Arbor Day Event on the 26th of April at ANEC – Great Event. BGES presented well and gave away lots of stuff. Recommend for next year we prepare gift bags for those that are truly interested in the club or what we do vice just leaving everything out on the table for people to take.
- New Business:
 - June 7th picnic – details to follow
 - Help needed planting the dogwood tree at Teresa McCready's home. Niall, Tia, Sandy, Clifford Murphy and Michele Birch, May 29th at 1130am lunch to follow.
 - Looking for a new Treasurer – Denise Lynn volunteered and will work with Sandra to do the pass down
 - Also looking for someone to become the Mentor program POC for Accomack County.
- Presentation by Sannon Alexander with DCR. She did an outstanding presentation on Native Plants. Did you know that it take 9000 caterpillars to feed one nest of chickadee's over a 16 day period? That's a lot of caterpillars which means we need to plan for Native and Pollenting plants. VirginiaNativePLantFinder.org
 - [Plant Virginia Natives](#)
 - [Native Plants for Conservation, Restoration, and Landscaping](#)
- Video shown by Art on "3 ways to Spilt your hives"

- MEETING ZOOM RECORDING



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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 \(bgsva.org\)](#)

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*****

June picnic June 7th, 2025 12:30-3:00pm