

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

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MINUTES NOVEMBER 16TH 2024

Meeting was held at The Barrier Island Center (BIC)

Meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by President Niall Finnegan. There were 19 members in attendance, 0 on Zoom and 2 guests.

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 October Minutes as written, accepted by all, no Nay's.
 - Treasures report - \$2474.46– Sandra was not in attendance.
(Unknown if the club has received the monies from Brown Papter Tickets.)
 - Niall introduced our Guest speaker, Ron Wolff. Ron is the Executive Director of **Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation** <https://www.facebook.com/ESRailTrail>
info@esrailtrail.org – Ron gave a 45 minute overview of the foundation and what the future has in store of the shore regarding the rail trail which will run along the ESVA on the old railroad tracks and in certain areas, off the old tracks.
 - Niall discussed the upcoming Beekeepers course in Jan/Feb. Niall asked Tara to be the POC for the class who will form a group to assist in the preparations of the course. Niall will do the WESR radio show to help promote the course.
 - Niall asked that I resend out the flyer and requests members put it out all over the shore.
 - A suggestion was made to purchase a small “freebee” for our class members. Suggestions of Beekeeping journal, Nancy said she could make a gift, Hive tool.
 - Its been requested that Paul Muhley will attend the class to give away the free equipment from Linda and Ken Tucker.
 - Sandy Sterling has the club totes with all the paper products, tea pot etc. Tia will hold on to the coffee pumps. Janis Wigfield has the honey extractor (1 of 2).
 - Niall is working with Waterford printers in Exmore to design a new logo. Ruben is also very interested in us have a newer design.
 - New Business: None
 - Meeting was adjourned @ 11:09am
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THANK YOU TO ALL who brought coffee, oj, muffins, amazing ham biscuits, fruit, cookies etc... it was all so yummy! Very grateful.

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*****

Upcoming Meetings:

December no meeting Merry Christmas

Saturday January 25th for the beekeeper beginners' class Naomi Makemie Presbyterian church
Market Street Onancock 9:30AM to 3:00PM

Saturday February 1st Day 2 beekeeper beginners' class Naomi Makemie Presbyterian church
Market Street Onancock 9:30AM to 3:00PM

Saturday March 8th at 10AM Tasley Fire House

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93697090055?pwd=Kqa3KHYvNafatKLLFYhGpC83aqKhUV.1>

Meeting ID: 936 9709 0055

Passcode: 323950

Saturday April 12th at 10 AM at the BIC

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93697090055?pwd=Kqa3KHYvNafatKLLFYhGpC83aqKhUV.1>

Meeting ID: 936 9709 0055

Passcode: 323950

Friday May 16th at 6PM Tasley Fire House

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97846779964?pwd=yuN4f8cpGwoZ2sRNNvQzO00N5E87eE.1>

Meeting ID: 978 4677 9964

Passcode: 236832

June picnic TBD