

MINUTES BGES June 5, 2018 BIC Machipongo, VA.

The monthly BGES meeting opened with the President, George Brown giving the 25 members a hearty welcome.

MINUTES MAY 5:

Carol Zuccarino, Secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting on May 5, held for the first time in Onancock. Mickey Palmer reported about the Open Hive experience held at her home following the meeting where 10 new beekeepers attended.

Tara motioned that the Minutes be accepted as read and Thor seconded. Motion Carried.

George then told us how the BIC is initiating a campaign to raise funds to revitalize the Quarter Kitchen making 1/2 a museum gallery and the other a demonstration kitchen showcasing food traditions from our sea and shore! We have been privileged to use this Center for our BGES meetings over the years and Carol Zuccarino made a motion that our Guild make a \$ 100 donation to the project. Tara seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Phil Harris reported we have \$884.62 in the treasury.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAMS: Mary Walker told us that we have great plans for next year's meetings.

July 7, at The Historic Onancock School we will have a Master Naturalist speak to us.

August: No Meeting

September 8, at the Historic Onancock School we will have our Wonderful, fun, family BGES PICNIC. More details to follow.

One of our new beekeepers, Tia Bell, was concerned about road side spraying and spoke to Bobby Isdell who agreed to work with us when planning spraying operations. He said he would take our hive coordinates and give consideration to where and when he sprays. Then Russell Vreeland told us that he was already in contact with folks at ANEC, at Perdu and Tysons and he volunteered to coordinate with Mr. Isdell. Thanks Russell!

PROGRAM: HOW TO READ THE SIGNS OF THE BEES

Tara Southard presented a well documented and complete power point presentation of what the Bees tell us. She has some excellent shots of bearding bees(overheated), multiple eggs in individual cells (laying workers), of the feared American foul brood and European foul brood, of wax moth devastation and SHB. She reminded us to look around before going into hives for:spiders, click beetles, ants wood roaches and Tara suggested smelling the hive. If it is not the sweet aroma of honey then search deeper for what might be going on.

Continuing with the infirmities there can be chalkbrood, nosema,and colony collapse disorder!

After Tara's complete presentation we had a lively discussion from the floor .

Refreshments were served and folks joined small groups until almost dark.
The meeting was over around 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Zuccarino