

Minutes BGES May 5, 2018 Historic Onancock School

Our BGES May meeting began with Welcoming remarks of George Brown, our President. This is the first time we are using a site in Onancock, hopefully making it easier for the Northern county members to join us.

Carol Zuccarino gave a summary of the April meeting where Keith Tignor, our Virginia Apiarist, spoke on Sustainable Beekeeping. Stanley Plowden, Estelle Spachmann and Mary Walker added what they remembered from Carol's summary. Then George gave a Treasurer Report noting our treasury has a total of \$802.57.

In the absence of Tara, our Outreach coordinator, Stanley Plowden told of his time spent last Saturday, April 28, in Cape Charles at the New Roots Garden Center for children. He took an observation hive and had plenty of interest from the little ones and adults.

We'll be meeting at BIC on Tuesday, June 5 for hive discussion and business planning. Carol reminds our members of the EAS August 13 – 17 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Get online and check out the plethora of information and informative speakers: <http://www.easternapiculture.org/conferences/eas-2018.html>

Mary Walker brought up the meeting July where we have a Picnic. Last year instead of a backyard event, we opted for a pizza, salad and dessert at Little Italy. We'd like to get an idea if our members would like a repeat of this gathering?

Old Business:

Nominating Committee for Board Members. We asked for volunteers with no results. So our present Board asked Thor Gurley for Vice president and Theresa McCready for secretary. We are grateful that both of these BGES offered to serve the Guild. All in favor= 100%. Thank you Thor and Theresa!

New Business:

Tia Bell and Jennifer Lewis, both recent beekeeper grads have a few idea where we could do Outreach. We will put them in contact with Tara.

HIVE REPORTS: This is always time well-spent in listening and exchanging information about our hives. Yesterday we were delighted to hear of the new BGES progress, of a few success stories, of laying workers and OTS attempts.

After delicious refreshments we drove to the home of Mickey and Tim Palmer who generously offered to have the club go into their hives.

Meeting was over around 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Zuccarino