

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES MARCH 9TH, 2024

Meeting was held at the Tasley Firehouse in Tasley VA

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Tara Southard. There were 25 people in attendance in person and 2 people online (ZOOM).

List of officers

Tara Southard - President

Chris Kutyla - Vice President

Tia Bell - Secretary

Sandra Scher - Treasure

Art Vancil - Social Media

George Brown – Webmaster

*New – Mentorship Program Managers – Suzane Omrod and David Schmidt

Tara opened the meeting with some announcements:

- Sad news about Jane McKinley please keep her family in your prayers
- Thank you to Chris for setting up Zoom meeting with Bob Bennie
- Thank you Tia for setting up the Pollen give away it was a big success - I have 5 small bags of pollen if anyone needs some
- Dues increase to \$30 starting June 2024
- Remember BGES now have two Extractors that any member can request - thank you Toni Noreika
- We have been asked to send someone to the “small farm workshop” on March 21st, Chris K. will go and give a presentation / show gear / talk bee’s
- Download the beecheck map on your phone to register the location of your hives or you can do it on your computer. [BeeCheck VA - BeeCheck Home](#)
- If anyone is interested in doing some research, we would like to find some GRANTS. Having grants would be a huge help, maybe we could secure a permanet home for the BGES club meetings and club items/equipment. Maybe we increase our membership and start doing more activites with the high school students (conditions apply here)
- BGES needs a flyers and a brochuer that we can hand out to folks when they ask about our club. Denise and Tom Lynn have volunteered
- The vote on the President and Vice President roles has been delayed until the May meeting due to some recommended changes. Suzanne, Tom and Ann will work on this.
- George reported that we got back the \$550 from the Brown Bag company from the 2020 Bee Class. We thought that was lost forever

Chris provided us with a wonderful power point on Bee Friendly Plants – Thank you Chris, this was wonderful and well received by all.

Treasurers Report: Balance on hand as of 3/17/2024 \$1903.36

Upcoming plans for 2024:

- **April 13th 10-12pm** - Open Hive Day – Tara Southards Apairy – follow up email – MUST SIGN UP
- **April 27th – ANEC Arbor Day Event** – Chris, Niall and Kevin have volunteered. We need a few more folks to attend and help set up and talk bee's
- May – Meeting TBD
- June – Club picnic – honey tasting, share equipment, share/swap plants. Planning to have it at George Browns again this year, but maybe we should have it catered.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

If you want to be a member of the VA State Beekeepers Association, please send a \$10 check to:

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