

RALEIGH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 2017

ROLL CALL – The Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association met in regular session on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 6:30PM at Munson Hall with the following members present: Treasurer, R. Darrin Butcher, Secretary, Debra Baer President, Mark K. Lilly and Vice President, Robert K. Jarrell was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA /ADJUSTMENTS

R. Darrin Butcher called the meeting to order and requested approval of the agenda. Dave Keasy made the motion to approve the agenda, Debra Baer, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

- R. Darrin Butcher recognized the members and their work performed on the Peters Farm Apiary Yard. A special recognition was given to Ritchie Redden. A memorial sign and wildflower garden in memory of his granddaughter is now located at the farm. Ritchie was also given a lifetime membership to the RCBCA.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

- Board Reports - No Board Reports.
- Other Reports
 - Raleigh County Vocational Students presented their upcoming presentation that they will be giving at the Surveyor/Future Farmers of America Vocational Issues Forum.
 - A sign-up sheet was sent around for members to be on the Steering Committee for the Beckley Honey Festival.
 - R. Darrin Butcher provided an update from the WV Beekeepers Association Board of Directors Meeting. Newsletter submissions are due July 1st for the state newsletters.
 - R. Darrin Butcher announced the dates for the WV Beekeepers Association Fall Conference – September 22-23. A schedule of events and enrollment information was also provided.
 - Membership cards were provided to new members.
 - R. Darrin Butcher discussed t-shirt and polo shirt options with the members. The majority decided they would like to have t-shirts. A sheet was sent around for member sizes and totals and we will take that information, find a vendor and order shirts.
 - A sign-up sheet was sent around for members to be on the Swarm Wranglers and Mentors lists.
 - R. Darrin Butcher passed around a brochure template for the RCBCA and asked for member input. We would like to have these brochures printed for the Beckley Honey Festival. Darrin had already received some vendor quotes so we hope to have them printed soon.
 - The Election of Officers to Serve July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 was held. Debra Baer made the motion to accept nominations and placement and a second by Dave Keasy.
 - Officers List:
 - Mark Lilly, President
 - Daris Wills, Vice-President
 - R. Darrin Butcher, Treasurer
 - Jennifer Colvin, Secretary

- R. Darrin Butcher reviewed Summer Management – Best Practices. Members viewed a power point and movies from the recent workshop with Mark Lilly at Camp Lightfoot. As part of the review, Darrin discussed mite wash, percentages and treatment options. Member Trina Fitzwater made a mason jar with a screen trap to do a mite wash and had them to purchase at the meeting.
- We will have a summer workshop and member picnic on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Peters Farm Apiary Yard. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to RSVP. A special page is on the website – www.raleighcountybeekeepers.com for members to continue to RSVP for the workshop and picnic. We will not have a meeting in July at Munson Hall – we will have a brief meeting at workshop and picnic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- There was no unfinished business to discuss.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – There were no policies or procedures to be considered.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Approve minutes of the May 18th meeting. Dave Keasy made the motion to approve. R. Darrin Butcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Future meetings/events:
 - Summer Workshop (Hive Inspection/Oxalic Acid Vaporizer Treatment) & Member Picnic & Regular Meeting – Saturday, July 15, 2017 – 10:00AM – Peters Farm Apiary Yard
 - Steering Committee Meeting – Beckley Honey Festival, Thursday, July 13, 2017 – 5:30PM – RCBOE Central Office – Munson Hall
 - Steering Committee Meeting – Beckley Honey Festival, Thursday, August 10, 2017 – 5:30PM – RCBOE Central Office – Munson Hall
 - Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 17, 2017 – 6:30PM – RCBOE Central Office – Munson Hall
 - Beckley Honey Festival, Saturday, August 19, 2017 – Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine
 - WV Beekeepers Association 100th Anniversary Fall Conference, September 22-23, 2017 – Fairmont, WV

NEW BUSINESS –

- There was no new business discussed

ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned by consensus.

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Mark A. Lilly, President