

OCBA Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2017

Cathy Starks filling in for Cynthia Speed, Secretary

Our pre-meeting dinner was held in a private room at Radius Pizzeria with 9 attending.

Vice President Mark Powers opened the meeting. He reminded everyone about the upcoming extractor workshop on Saturday June 10th being held at Cedar Ridge High School by Walter Starks. Listserv problems have been reported this week with substantial delays in emails being received once sent.

August 19th is National Honey Bee Day and we will participate with three different sites – the Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Eno River Farmers Markets. We will need volunteers at each site to staff an information table. More information to come.

The members only raffle items were two sugar shake jars and two OCBA patches.

Snacks were provided by: Maggie Funkhouser, Nerissa Rivera and Elizabeth Strong.

Topic of this month's meeting was honey extraction, bottling, labeling and marketing honey. Randall Austin was the speaker. Randall's presentation covered the different forms of honey, good practices about the extraction honey, correct bottling technics, label requirements, federal laws, honey house inspections and the NCSBA Certified Honey Program. Message of the night: "Your honey should not make your friends puke."

No July Meeting will be held, but we hope that everyone is planning to attend the North Carolina State Beekeepers Conference in Winston Salem July 13th, 14th and 15th. This is their 100th Birthday celebration.

At the State Meeting OCBA will be bringing 100 Bee Pollinator Plants in 4-inch pots with stickers on them and will be donated as part of the raffle. Raffle items donated proceeds go towards bee research.