

OCBA Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2012

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1. Todd Walker welcomed the group outside the locked building, and reminded everyone to sign the clipboards for recording attendance. He invited Chris Richmond to speak briefly about the season's swarms and he did.
2. Geneva Green began describing volunteer opportunities for this month and next until Watty Bowes arrived. (Please see calendar on website for dates and times)
3. Todd announced that OCBA has begun to receive requests for presentations via email. Watty will be happy to match up volunteers with requests. Please contact him if you are interested in presenting.
4. After moving inside, Lewis reported that he has discussed Kentucky Africanized bees with Don Hopkins. If you are concerned about the temperament of a colony, call an inspector.

Geneva introduced the speaker, Juliana Rangel, Ph.D., who is a researcher at NCSU. Her presentations were "Swarming in Honey Bees: What Determines Who Leaves?" and "Nestsite Defense by Competing Swarms During House-hunting" both of which contained fascinating research and photos.

Following the presentation, members enjoyed fellowship and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

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