

OCBA Meeting Minutes, November 8, 2012

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1. Todd Walker welcomed the group outside while we waited for a key to open the building and called the meeting to order.
2. Lewis Cauble opened with a report of **OCBA's State Fair winners** of which there were quite a few. OCBA's display booth won first place. Robert Parrish got a first place with 3 jars of beautiful extracted honey; Randall Austin's Extracted Honey earned second place. Geneva Green's black & white honey bee print took third place; her color print won second place; her gift package got fifth place. Eva Hoke's gift basket won second, and she also earned fifth place with a Honey Spice Cake in the baked goods category. John Harrell's chunk comb honey earned a third place and his display of extracted honey also got third place; Lewis Cauble's sectioned comb honey won second. Inge Kautzmann's beeswax cosmetics got third place. David Bailey's display of 12 nectar producing plants earned second place. (I apologize if I omitted any one or got the info wrong.) Orange County & individual OCBA participants won \$269 in prize money from the NC State Fair! Individual winners are asked to contact Dick Merritt by email telling him if you would like to contribute your winnings to the club, or if he should cut you a check. Finally Lewis thanked all who had helped with the State Fair project this year.
3. Dick pointed out that he would usually be reminding everyone to **renew memberships** in January, but this year the state is still working out the "bugs" in a new membership process which isn't ready yet. He said that there's money in the bank and that the Executive Committee has been discussing how to spend it. There were 192 paid memberships this year, a record, due in part to the January Bee School participants. He also mentioned that Orange County will continue to work on Golden Achievement Award criteria.
4. Watty Bowes pointed out that no **presentations** have been made by club members since the last update. Randall Austin is scheduled to speak to the Rougement Ruritans in the spring.
5. Geneva announced for **elections** that 'Lisabeth Collins and Dick Merritt are running unopposed for the positions of club secretary and treasurer. The Nominating Committee is still looking for a candidate for vice president whose responsibilities are primarily to arrange for speakers for meetings and there is already a list of willing speakers. Geneva Green is the only candidate for president. Rex Williams volunteered for the new three year director position. This slate of candidates was offered for election and was unanimously accepted.

The club needs a **volunteer to post information to the website and publicize club events** and doings. If interested, please contact Geneva.

Watty Bowes rotated off the Directors but will continue as head of Outreach; Chris Richmond, director, will assume responsibility for facilities and refreshments. David Bailey volunteered to work this year as 4-H coordinator. Recognized for her fine organization skills was Lucy Wilson who will continue to coordinate the weeding of the Pollinator Garden in Hillsborough. Todd Walker, out-going president, received commendations of the club for his fine leadership this year.

6. **In December, the club will meet at 6:30 for a Pot Luck meal** together. The club will provide paper goods and drinks; everyone should bring a dish to share. Anyone who has photographs of this year's activities could share them with Todd who will compile a slide show to run during the meal.
7. **Bee School** will begin on Tuesday, January 8, and run for ten weeks. The meetings will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1710 Old NC 10, beginning at 6:30 pm. Parking will be tight; carpool if possible. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and break-down each Tuesday, and a clipboard circulated for volunteers to sign up.
8. If you missed Inge Kautzmann's presentation of "**Products of the Hive**" in October, you can catch it at the Durham County Bee Association meeting this month on the third Monday of the month at Duke Gardens.
9. Fred Fesel asked if the state of NC might produce **a license tag** which could be personalized for beekeepers; he was told that it was in the works.
10. Tom Carson offered to donate some plastic frames to the club; Todd asked if he would donate them to the 4-H youth that the club supports each year, and he did so.
11. Geneva apologized to Randall Austin, presenter for the night's program, and asked if he would be willing to take a rain check as it was too chilly to continue the meeting outside. Randall graciously agreed to come on another date.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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