

OCBA Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2017

Cynthia Speed

Our pre-meeting dinner was held in a private room at Radius Pizzeria with 13 in attendance.

President John Rintoul opened the meeting. He talked about the transition of the public listserv to Google Groups and reported that all went smoothly. A big thank you goes to Bynum Hoesktra for his invaluable assistance.

The OCBA executive committee approved an increase of annual dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 effective October 1, 2017. Also, a Lifetime Membership option is now available for \$100.00.

Announcement: Come forth if you won the door prize last spring for an NCSBA Centennial Cookbook. If it is not claimed by the end of the year it will become a door prize again in 2018. We have a few cookbooks that have not been picked up. Please email John or Mary Leonhardi if you'd like to donate them to the club.

Thank you Erika Wittchen for volunteering to be our liaison to report our events, activity, outreach, etc. for the state association's Facebook page.

Door prizes this month were glass honey bear jars and a hive tool donated by David Bailey.

Congratulations to Jim Evans for earning his Journeyman certificate which Randall presented to him.

Randall gave a few short statements on what to expect in our hives to prep them for winter. A few of the tips were: Do whatever you need, to make them fat and ready by November 1st. You should have two 10 frame deeps of honey or 3 mediums. Don't be afraid to feed in winter if needed. "Chase" the brood nest with Mite Away Quick Strips.

Our speaker for the evening was Joe Milone, a PhD candidate who discussed his research at NCSU Apiculture Lab dealing with pesticide exposure within honey bee colonies. He shared his results of pesticide movement throughout the colony and the different chemicals that are most commonly detected within the hive wax, bee bread, etc. His residue analysis reminded us again that there is no pesticide free wax in the United States.

The meeting was adjourned and the group enjoyed refreshments brought by Elizabeth Hilburn, Kenneth Lee, and Cheryl Meyer. Fifty-two people were in attendance.