

OCBA Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2014

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1. Co-presidents Chris Apple and Cynthia Steed welcomed members and guests. She announced that the speaker for tonight would be delayed due to a fender-bender. Meanwhile Cynthia handed out raffle tickets for a door prize.
2. Chris A. reported that Chris Richmond, who was assisting the speaker, has received calls about swarms including one at dinner.
3. Rex Williams reported that Outreach has received no new requests since March.
4. Cynthia invited members to share stories about installing packages this spring.
5. Lewis Cauble arrived to deliver OCBA t shirts in the lobby.
6. Next, Mary Leonhardi, head of the OCBA State Fair committee, invited members to think how we can educate the public about bees at the booth. She welcomes your ideas for the booth or activities. One thing she'd like to see is live plants that bees love. Contact her; she's looking for ideas and volunteers.
7. Chris A. reminded members that a Facebook account had been set up for the club, but a volunteer is needed to update the account. Nerissa Rivera volunteered to do that.
8. Becky Starr from Starrlight Mead was introduced and thanked for handing out samples of mead.
9. Dick Merritt has State membership cards to hand out, and the attendance roster needs to be checked off as you leave tonight. If you haven't joined, it isn't too late.
10. Chris A. asked the club if there was any interest in making donations of books about bees to the local library. Interest was high.
11. She announced that the State meeting would be in July and that the club will not meet in July. She encouraged members to attend the State meeting instead.
12. Todd Walker introduced the newest 4-H partner, Kendall Clark, and checked with other 4-H members present about activity in their hives.
13. David Bailey announced that his store will help to sponsor National Honey Day, August 16th, with special activities. He invited OCBA to become involved.

Cynthia introduced Zander Kent, a young man with no prior beekeeping experience, whose job was to teach Gambians how to keep top bar hives with African bees. Zander, an enthusiastic speaker, presented "Beekeeping in the Gambia", an intriguing slideshow. Following the presentation, club members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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