

OCBA Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2014

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1. Co-president Chris Apple welcomed members and guests. Cynthia is out of town, and Todd wasn't able to present tonight. She reminded all that the Summer Meeting will be in July and that there will be no OCBA club meeting in July. She encouraged all to attend the Summer Meeting, mentioning honey contests: mead, extracted honey, photos and cooking with honey. See info on listserv.
2. Chris A. gave us Cynthia's recommendation for a fiction book called *The Bees* by Lillen Paull, which is in the local library. The POV is from a worker bee's perspective.
3. There will be a Honey Extraction workshop led by Dave Eckert on July 19 near Hillsborough (3900 Bivins Road off St. Mary's towards Durham). More info will be posted on the website.
4. There will be a Joint Field Day with Durham's club on July 26 at Duke Gardens. More info on that to come.
5. November elections will be here before you know if. Chris A. passed around a clipboard with a sign up sheet for anyone interested in serving on the Nominating Com. or as an elected officer. Information will also be posted on the web.
6. Lucy Wilson and Chris A. have met and discussed up dating the sign at the Pollinator Garden in Hillsborough at the Visitor's Center. Chris asked if there was any interest in establishing a real hive of bees there, and will bring this up for discussion at another meeting since it isn't likely to happen before next spring.
7. She announced that there is a new home for the club's extractor. It will be stored at Cedric Pearce's office in the Meadowlands in Hillsborough. You can request the use of the extractor by emailing Cedric.
8. Lewis Cauble (Master Beekeeper) has been whittling down the list of people who need the practical field test in order to complete their initial beekeeping certification. Contact him if you want to be added to his list. Also Gail Young will be administering the written exam on July 26 during the joint Durham/Orange field day at Duke Gardens. Contact her if you would like to take this test.
9. Womancraft in Carrboro has an exhibit about honey bees from June 12-26.
10. Orange County Master Gardeners have just established a new pollinator garden at Gold Park in Hillsborough and would welcome additional plants that bees are interested in. It is a sunny garden.
11. Rex Williams announced that he needs volunteers for Festival on the Eno, July 4 weekend. He sent a link for on-line sign-up in his last email, but contact him if you are interested and need the link. Volunteers are admitted to the Festival free.

12. Old Business: Chris A. reminded the group of the proposal from Lewis to donate club money to Dr. Tarpy's program at NCSU and gave the Exec. Committee's recommendation that the club donate \$1,000 this year with the intent to sustain the gift annually as long as funding permits, and that we use all means to publicize and promote the donation with the intent of encouraging matching gifts from other clubs. 'Lizabeth restated the recommendation in the form of a motion, and it was seconded. Discussion ensued. Someone asked what the money would be used for; Chris read from the NCSU website about the programs and research projects Dr. Tarpy heads.

Someone asked about using club funds for obtaining a storage site for club materials; that will be investigated as well as conducting an audit of the club's finances to see patterns in income and outgo.

Someone asked how much does the club currently have in the bank; Dick Merritt estimated \$10,000. Lewis argued that he would like to see a leadership gift of at least \$2,500, and Don agreed that the higher amount as seed money would challenge other clubs. Someone asked about members donating on line and linking that donation to the club; Lewis demonstrated how simple an online donation could be, including identifying the individual as a member of Orange County Beekeepers. Someone suggested that instead of attempting to sustain the gift annually that the club consider a larger one-time gift. Dick cautioned against assuming that the club would continue to have such a plump account in the future.

Wattie Bowes asked to amend the motion to state that the club donate a substantial gift of \$2,500 or more to NCSU's Apiary Research and Educational Programs under Dr. David Tarpy. 'Lizabeth rejected the amendment; question was called and the motion was defeated. Wattie then made his amendment into a motion which was seconded. Further discussion deleted the words "or more" and added the phrase from the original motion about promoting and publicizing the donation in order to challenge other clubs to match or exceed our donation. Motion passed with a majority vote; one dissenting.

13. Lewis passed proverbial "hat" for a gift for Todd Walker and Inge Katzman who are expecting their first child in August. He will be responsible for purchasing a gift card etc.

14. A donated sugar shake jar was given as a door prize to one person who admitted he didn't yet have one.

Don Hopkins, State Bee Inspector, discussed preparing bees for the winter which begins now. He answered numerous questions, using his extensive collection of photographs to illustrate key points.

Following the presentation, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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