

OCBA Meeting Minutes, March 2016

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President Walter Starks opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. with an introduction of new members. There were several. The meeting was well attended with few empty seats.

He presented Cynthia Speed and Chris Apple with recognition gifts for their previous service as joint club presidents. Chris asked anyone interested in the Outreach Program, which would involve going to schools for presentations, to contact her.

Chris and Cynthia also said they would like to get an early start on designing the Orange County Beekeepers Association booth for the NC State Fair in October and requested ideas for it. They would like it to be extra special this year since 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the North Carolina Beekeepers Association. Chris also asked anyone with knowledge of past club events to contact her as she hopes to put together a club history of the Orange County Beekeepers Association.

Club Treasurer Mary Leonhardi was in attendance collecting dues and selling \$2 OCBA patches.

After the business portion of the meeting, the president introduced the guest speaker, Chris Richmond, who gave a useful and informative presentation on swarm retrieval and cutouts. He has a lot of experience on this subject as he is the coordinator of the OCBA Swarm Patrol. Several questions followed the presentation and the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.