

RALEIGH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2017

ROLL CALL – The Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association met in regular session on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:30PM at Munson Hall with the following members present: President, Mark K. Lilly, Treasurer, R. Darrin Butcher. Secretary, Debra Baer and Vice President, Robert K. Jarrell were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA /ADJUSTMENTS

R. Darrin Butcher called the meeting to order and requested approval of the agenda. R. Darrin Butcher made the motion to approve the agenda, Trina Fitzwater, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

- There were no recognitions

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

- Board Reports - No Board Reports.
- Other Reports
 - R. Darrin Butcher, Treasurer provided an update on the progress of the Apiary Yard at Peters Farm. Mr. Butcher stated that all materials have been received, Raleigh County School Maintenance Department had placed stone on the road. The Welding Vocational students had completed the welding and the Automotive Vocational students had completed painting the rim hive stands. The Carpentry/Electrical Vocational students were continuing their work on the building and expected delivery is going to be sometime in May. Ritchie Redden had placed the posts for the fencing and gates and supplies were needed for the fencing. A workshop was scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 to work on the Apiary Yard. The following members showed up to work on the project: Mark Lilly, Ritchie Redden, Dave Keesee, Bob Coalson, Johnathan Hicks, Delbert Bailey, Darius Wills, Shannan Wills, Darrin Butcher. Ritchie Redden had completed the electric fencing and gates. All members present, laid the fabric, spread all stone, placed signage posts and place hive stands in place. Raleigh County School Maintenance Department delivered the gravel for the project and hooked up electrical to the site.
 - Mr. Butcher provided an update on the website design progress and scheduled a meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017 to further design the website. Trina Fitzwater, Darius Wills, Shannan Wills, Darrin Butcher and website designer Jennifer Colvin met and discussed the overall layout of the site and information that needed to be presented.
 - Mr. Butcher presented the container sizes/pricing for the Beckley Honey Festival for August 19, 2017.
 - Mark Lilly, President provided a second discussion to the group about Swarms and Splits, when to do them, tools needed, timing, how to do identify swarm cells vs. supercedure cells, how to do a split and why. Mr. Lilly also provided general information regarding swarm traps, equipment needed to catch a swarm, baits, location and different types of traps.
 - Mr. Lilly held a question and answer segment for spring management practices and swarms and splits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- There was no unfinished business to discuss.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – There were no policies or procedures to be considered.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Approve minutes of the April 20th meeting. Trina Fitzwater made the motion to approve. Mark Lilly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Future meetings/events: Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 18, 2017 – 6:30PM – RCBOE Central Office - Munson Hall
WVBA Spring Conference, April 21-22, 2017, Oglebay Resort, Wheeling, WV
WVBA Executive Board Meeting, Saturday, June 3, 2017, Flatwoods, WV

NEW BUSINESS –

- Approved honey container sizes/pricing for the Beckley Honey Festival
Randal Smithson made the motion to approve. Bob Coalson seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned by consensus.

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Mark A. Lilly, President