

# RALEIGH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 18, 2017

**ROLL CALL** – The Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association met in regular session on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:30PM at Munson Hall with the following members present: President, Mark K. Lilly, Treasurer, R. Darrin Butcher, Vice President, Robert K. Jarrell. Secretary, Debra Baer was absent.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA /ADJUSTMENTS**

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

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- There were no recognitions

## **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

- Board Reports - No Board Reports.
- Other Reports
  - Teresa Halloran, Marketing Specialist with the WV Department of Agriculture gave a presentation on WV Labeling Requirements and Honey House Sanitation guidelines. Her presentation also included information regarding the “West Virginia Grown” Logo Program, Guidelines for Protecting Honey Quality as well as various other handouts from the WV Department of Agriculture.
  - Jennifer Colvin, Website Designer, gave a presentation that showed members to various items located on the Raleigh County Beekeepers Website. The website can be found at [www.raleighcountybeekeepers.com](http://www.raleighcountybeekeepers.com). Members are encouraged to go to the webpage and review and make recommendations for changes.
  - R. Darrin Butcher, Treasurer, provided an update on the Peters Farm Apiary Yard. Mr. Butcher stated that the yard had been mostly completed, students have been to the site to install bees with President Mark Lilly and Dr. Parry M. Kietzman, from the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective. Signage had been installed and the building from the Vocational School would be delivered sometime in early June. Hands on workshops for members and students would be scheduled over the summer.
  - Parry M. Kietzman, PHD, Head Beekeeper for the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective (a division of Appalachian Headwaters), provided a very informative presentation regarding her research about Honeybees and Honeybee Intelligence. Her presentation included topics such as the Waggle Dance, Tremble Dance and The Stop Signal (a beeping noise made by honeybees to stop foraging. Very informative topic regarding Honeybee communication.
  - Mr. Lilly held a question and answer segment.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trina Fitzwater made the motion to approve. Detlif Ulfers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Future meetings/events: Regular Meeting – Thursday, June 15, 2017 – 6:30PM – RCBOE Central Office  
- Munson Hall  
WVBA Executive Board Meeting, Saturday, June 3, 2017, Flatwoods, WV

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- There was no new business discussed

**ADJOURNMENT** –The meeting adjourned by consensus.

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Mark A. Lilly, President