

RALEIGH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 17, 2018

ROLL CALL – The Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association met in regular session on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Munson Hall with the following members present: President, Mark Lilly, Treasurer, R. Darrin Butcher and Secretary, Jennifer Colvin. Vice-President, Darius Wills was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA /ADJUSTMENTS

Mark Lilly called the meeting to order and requested approval of the agenda. Tyson Colvin made the motion to approve the agenda, Delbert Bailey seconded, motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

- Lannie Ballard from Natural Bridge, Va. is the inventor of the One-Person High Lifting Tool. Mr. Ballard sent the RCBCA one of his inventions. Members had a chance to check out the tool and the information provided. Ordering information was also provided to the group.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

- Board Reports - No Board Reports.
- Other Reports -
 - R. Darrin Butcher gave an update on the Raleigh County Schools Beginning Beekeeping Program. Several students are interested in working at Appalachian Headwaters this Summer. The association discussed matching a \$50 stipend to assist with gas and other expenses for each student.
 - Mark Lilly discussed our upcoming Summer Workshop and the association decided upon Saturday, June 23rd for the date and some topics to include will be splitting a hive, mite wash (alcohol & powdered sugar), and treatment.
 - Mark Lilly & R. Darrin Butcher discussed the member hive treatment program. A sign-up sheet was made available for those members interested in joining the treatment program.
 - With the 2nd Annual Beckley Honey Festival coming up in a few months, R. Darrin Butcher presented members with recommended honey container sizes and pricing. Darrin also reminded members to keep in touch with the Department of Agriculture about labelling and getting labels approved by the Department.
 - R. Darrin Butcher discussed with members their ideas for improvement for the upcoming festival. RCBCA will be meeting with the Exhibition Coal Mine in the next few weeks. Jennifer Colvin showed samples of custom tent. The tent could be used at festivals, trade shows and different events by RCBCA and members.
 - R. Darrin Butcher asked for volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee of the 2nd Annual Beckley Honey Festival. A sign-up sheet was provided for those interested in serving.
 - Mark Lilly presented on Summer Management Techniques.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was no unfinished business to be handled.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – There were no policies and procedures to be acted on.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Future meetings/events:
 - Summer Workshop & Annual Picnic – Saturday, June 23, 2018 – 10:00 AM – Peter's Farm Apiary – Cool Ridge, WV
 - Honey Festival Steering Committee Meeting – Thursday, July 10, 2018 – 5:30PM - RCBOE Central Office - Munson Hall
 - Regular Meeting – Thursday, July 19, 2018 – 6:30PM – RCBOE Central Office - Munson Hall

- Future meetings/events: (continued)

Beckley Honey Festival – Saturday, August 18, 2018 – City of Beckley’s Exhibition
Coal Mine

WVBA Annual Fall Conference - August 24 – 25, 2018 - Robert H. Mollohan
Research Center - Fairmont, WV

NEW BUSINESS – The association voted to approve matching \$50 to Appalachian Headwaters for Summer Beekeeping Internships at Appalachian Beekeeping Collective. Delbert made the motion to approve and Allison Suptic seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The association voted to approve the recommended honey container sizes and prices for the 2nd Annual Beckley Honey Festival.

Recommended:

8 oz. Honeybear	\$6.00
12 oz. Honeybear	\$8.00
16oz. (1lb.)	\$10.50
20oz./1 pint (1.25lbs.)	\$12.00
Quart (3lbs.)	\$22.00

Tyson Colvin made the motion to approve and Glenn Haga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The association voted to purchase a custom tent. Margaret Rusnak made the motion to approve and Delbert Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT –The meeting adjourned by consensus.

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Mark A. Lilly, President