

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES Tuesday March 10th, 2026 at 6:00pm

The meeting was held at the Parksley Regional Library in Parksley VA and called to order at 5:57pm by President Niall Finnegan. There were 30 members / guests in attendance.

List of officers – 2024-25 year

Niall Finnegan – President

Kevin Willis – Vice President

Tia Bell – Secretary

Denise Lynn – Treasure

George Brown – Webmaster

Art Vancil – Social Media

Mentorship Program Managers Northampton Cty – Suzanne Omrod and David Schmidt

- Niall opened the meeting with:
 - A motion to accept the February minutes as written, accepted by all, no Nay's.
- Treasures report - After all class receipts deposited and expenses paid—and the ZOOM account paid—our checking account balance = \$4,308.86.
 - Two dues payments are still to be deposited, which will bring the checking account balance to \$4368.86.
 - We took in \$1400 in the Beekeepers course and spent \$1,262, leaving a profit of \$262.
 - Once the expense receipts are submitted, the Treasurer will reimburse Ann Snyder \$1,000 for buying the additional supply of student books to sell to members and at the community events. The book is an excellent resource for experienced and beginner beekeepers.
- Old Business: None
- New Business:
 - Niall discussed the Paraquat herbicide bill that goes before the VA Senate in January. He noted that if 140 members (all the VSBA) sent an email to their elected officials maybe we will be heard. More to come on that topic.
 - Niall discussed the different locations to obtain NUC's and the inspection report that needs to go to the VADAC if you purchase out of state NUC's. **See the YouTube Video sent out from Angela Barnes.*
 - Niall also discussed the mentorship program. Accomack County new beekeepers have been assigned a mentor. Northampton County coordinator is Suzzane Omrod and she will be working on assigning mentors to new beekeepers next week.
- Niall turned the floor over to Tom Babcock who talked about swarms. Wonderful presentation given, thank you Tom.
- Meeting was concluded at 7:20pm.

Zoom Link if you wish to watch the meeting if you missed it.

Shareable link:

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Remainder meetings for 2026

- APR 11th 10 AM BIC, Machipongo VA
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/97391561872?pwd=dD1MZWshHIOa6JoAvK2ZaL2x6XnYQc.1>

Meeting ID: 973 9156 1872
Passcode: 539365

- MAY 14th 6PM LIBRARY, Parksley VA
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/95756064844?pwd=mrCDzDooeohPwEbKkY5NLIOFDrjiac.1>

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