

# BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

## MINUTES Saturday February 14th , 2026

The meeting was held at the Barrier Island Center and called to order at 11:13 am by President Niall Finnegan. There were 25 members / guests in attendance.

### List of officers – 2024-25 year

Niall Finnegan – President

Kevin Willis – Vice President

Tia Bell – Secretary

Denise Lynn – Treasure \*New

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 October minutes as written, accepted by all, no Nay's.
- Treasures report - \$4476.00. We took in \$1400.00 in the Bee course and spent \$1262.00.
- Old Business: None
- New Business:
  - Niall asks for all to approve that we purchase the PennState student beekeeping book after Tara got up and talked briefly about what a wonderful student book this is. Everyone agreed to purchase books, keep on hand, sell to members and have ready for the 2027 class. Ann Snyder will purchase 50 books. The cost is \$21.50 each plus shipping.
  - Please be on the look out for an email from the BGES and Survey Monkey. We will be conducting a survey to ask a few questions regarding the Guild.
  - A hot wash will take place immediately following this meeting to discuss the 2026 Beekeepers course. All are welcome.
- Russell Vreeland presented a presentation regarding Pollinators. Everyone was very interested. Russell also discussed the new Norroa (see attachment)
- Russell also asked me to let everyone know that if you are interested in ordering a (Pole-line VSH queen \*Vaccinated against American Foulbrood) or more of the Norroa chemical to contact him directly (email Man4Microbes@outlook.com)
- The June picnic may be moved to July due to location availability. If we have it in July, we will discuss the opportunity to conduct an open hive event in June. Stand by for more information.
- Meeting was concluded at 11:45am. Thank you to all who brought or made snacks!

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

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Remainder meetings for 2026

- Tuesday, MAR 10th at 6PM LIBRARY, Parksley VA
- Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/99634513194?pwd=9HMusdleblcQ0CqPOcgy0ICUjfsbyq.1>

Meeting ID: 996 3451 3194

Passcode: 385228

- 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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