

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES MAY 14TH, 2024

Meeting was held at the Tasley Firehouse in Tasley VA

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President Tara Southard. There were 16 people in attendance in person and 3 people online (ZOOM).

List of officers

Tara Southard - President

Chris Kutyla - Vice President

Tia Bell - Secretary

Sandra Scher - Treasure

Art Vancil - Social Media

George Brown – Webmaster

Mentorship Program Managers – Suzane Omrod and David Schmidt

Tara opened the meeting with:

- Lets go around the room and tell us about your current apairy status / number of hives
- From the around the room:
 - Hive Alive Fondant was mentioned
 - [AFB Vaccinated Queen](#) from Mann Lake \$72 each
 - UBeeO <https://opterabees.com> – unhealthy bee odor, American Bee Journal article by Kaira Wagoner
- The books on the table are the ones donated to the club, please help yourself
- Thank you to Denise Lynn for the brochures she designed and had printed
- The ANEC Event was a huge success. Niall and Kevin reported there was a lot of interest, they handed out all the brochures and the Observation hive was loved by all.

New Business:

- BGES Class – Jan 2025, start later in the morning vice 9:00am. Move to January due to all the things happening in November, plus its slower, its after the holidays.
- Ann Snyder – Nominating committee. Niall, Denise, Ann and Tom Lynn. They truly enjoyed calling everyone and asking lots of questions and finding out what it is they would like to see more of and in what direction they would like to see the club go in. They also said that they felt like they created a little community together and enjoy their lunches at the Exmore Diner. ☐ ☐
 - The Nominating committee nominated Niall Finnegan as President and Kevin Willis as the Vice President. Sandy Sterling volunteered to be the Logistic and refreshments POC for the next year.

- The bylaws update was submitted to the member present, a motion was made by Tara to accept the changes to the bylaw as printed on the handout, Tom Lynn seconded the motion, no nays, all in favor.

- SPRING Picnic: Details include location will be at the home of George Brown on June 29th, 2024 starting at 12:00 pm. Tara, Tia, Sandy S., Denise and Ann volunteered to be on the planning committee for the event. Chicken will be provided by the club from either Exmore Diner or Kendall's Kountry Kitchen.

- Honey tasting / voting – Bragging rights
- Plant exchange
- Bring equipment for sale/free/swap
- Possibly have a Honey Bee game

Treasurers Report: Balance on hand as of 5/14/2024 \$1719.62

Upcoming plans for 2024:

- June – Club picnic June 29th, 2024 at 12:00
- Sept. – TBD
- October – AG Fair, Niall, Kevin, Suzanne and Sandra volunteered to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

If you want to be a member of the VA State Beekeepers Association, please send a \$10 check to:

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