

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES MAR 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Meeting was held at the Barrier Island Center (BIC) in Machipongo VA

Meeting was called to order at 5:56pm by President Tara Southard. There were 14 members in attendance in person and 6 members on Zoom. Water and snacks provided by Tara and Mickey.

President Tara Southard opened up the meeting with the following:

- Reviewed old business from the Feb. meeting to include reminders of:
  - There will be an open hive event on April 15<sup>th</sup>, sign up required with only 20 spots open. So far we have 10 signed up. The address is 12361 Lankford Hwy Hallwood VA. Time set for 10:00 am.
  - There are a few upcoming meetings, to include VA Beekeepers Association June 10-11<sup>th</sup> at Sweet Briar College, EAS Eastern Apicultural Society July 3 – Aug 4<sup>th</sup> in Amherst.
  - Where can you get bees this year? Back Forty Bees Williamsburg, Licho about April 20<sup>th</sup> NUCS for \$140 call 757-709-8963.
  - ANEC will be holding there Arbor Day event again this year on April 29<sup>th</sup> and we will be having a booth. So far we have one person signed up to attend/set up for the event.

**TREASURES REPORT:** by Tia Bell: Current balance held in the bank account is: \$1868.42.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Next meeting is TBD. Unsure if the April open hive event will be our meeting or not
- We have a lot of money in our account. What can we do with it? The question was asked, “where are our club honey extractors and the books?” Before we make another purchase, we need to locate our items and someone would need to manage and track their location. Create a sign out sheet. Tia volunteered to locate and to manage items.
- T-Shirts? Would anyone be interested in getting more shirts made? Place an order or just order some and sell as needed. This could be something that the club could pay for. Michele Birch was the last one to get t-shirts for the club.

**PRESENTATION BY ERIC TALLEY:** (Recorded on Zoom) President Tara Southard introduced Eric to the club and Eric provided a very detailed power point on Preparing for Spring, the things we forget. Eric suggested we print off the Honey Bee Healthy Varroa Mite file from the internet. Also suggested everyone purchase/build 2 NUC boxes for swarms or for splitting hives even if just to raise a queen in case of a queen event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

\*Note: Tara will send out the Zoom recording so everyone can watch it.