

BEEKEEPERS GUILD OF THE EASTERN SHORE - BGES

MINUTES SATURDAY MARCH 8TH, 2025

Meeting was held at The Tasley Firehouse, Tasley VA

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Niall Finnegan. There were 18 members in attendance, 1 on Zoom. (Who has the sign in sheet from the meeting that can tell me how many?)

List of officers – 2024-25 year

Niall Finnegan – President

Kevin Willis – Vice President

Tia Bell – Secretary

Sandra Scher – Treasurer

George Brown – Webmaster

Art Vancil – Social Media

Mentorship Program Managers – 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 - \$2835.93, Recent expenditures: \$428.15 Beekeepers course class books, \$125.48 refreshments, guest speaker \$100, Bee supplies from the closing of the local Parksley Livestock Supply \$100. Class profit was \$346.37. Income: \$1200.00
- Niall gave a BIG thank you to Linda Williams, Paul Mulhey and again the family of Teresa McCready for donating bee supplies.
- Niall discussed the Beekeepers course. Few suggestions from students
 - Get both 1st and 2nd year beekeepers to talk
 - Cover more of the anatomy of the honeybee
 - Supply contact information for all guest speakers
 - Get a microphone for the softer spoken speakers
- Niall talked about the use of the public library in Parksley. It would be free for us to use for meetings/class etc. Due to the guild being a 501c3. They have a large conference room, a kitchenette. There are lots of media hookups as well. We will add that location to the 2025-26 Calendar.
- A Thank you card was sent to Teresa McCready's husband for all the beekeeping equipment he gave to the guild.
- Sandy Sterling has the club totes with all the paper products, tea pot etc. Tia will hold on to the coffee pumps. Arte Ezikovich has 1 of 3 club honey extractors, George Brown has 2 & 3 of 3 at his house.

- Niall is working with Waterford printers in Exmore to design a new logo. Ruben is also very interested in us have a newer design.
- New Business: Arbor Day event, Northampton Ag Events, North Hampton students and 1 other event.
- Niall suggests we buy a tent for the club to use at outdoor Events. 10x10ft, around \$140. Motion passed and all approved.
- Niall bought some brood builder and placed it in ½ lb bags, please take a bag with you.
- Guest speaker – Our very own Russell Vreeland who will discuss his take on Swarming.
- Meeting was adjourned @ 11:30am

**Note to all, the meeting was recorded on Zoom. If you missed it you can watch it here

-----→ [Zoom Meeting Recorded from March meeting, 2025](#) Passcode: S+H3TGpe

THANK YOU TO ALL who brought coffee and goodies

If you want to pay your dues via mail: Please use this link, print out the form (if you can) and mail check to Sandra Scher BGES Treasurer 1 Jefferson Street Onancock VA 23417

[BGESMembershipApplication2024.pdf \(bgesva.org\)](#)

If you want to be a member of the VA State Beekeepers Association, please send a \$10 check to:
VSBA 201 Bluebird Lane
Charlotte Court House, VA 23923

*****Update: they now take payments online \$10.00 no fee*****

Upcoming Meetings:

Saturday April 12th at 10 AM at the BIC

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93697090055?pwd=Kqa3KHYvNafatKLLFYhGpC83aqKhUV.1>

Meeting ID: 936 9709 0055

Passcode: 323950

Friday May 16th at 6PM Tasley Fire House

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97846779964?pwd=yuN4f8cpGwoZ2sRNnvQzO00N5E87eE.1>

Meeting ID: 978 4677 9964

Passcode: 236832

June picnic TBD