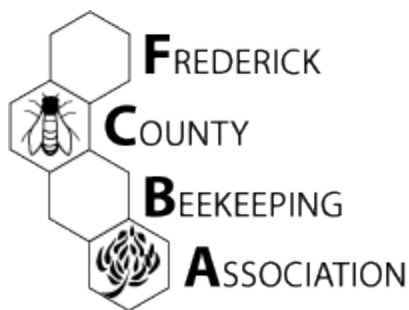


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Meeting Minutes

June 5th, 2014 (amended)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Glen Mayers, President at All Saints Episcopal Church, Frederick, MD.

No new members or guest in attendance

Regular Club Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved. Angela Mayers filled in as Secretary for the month of June.

Treasurer's Report

Seth was not available, so no Treasury Report given.

Observation Hive: Observation hive is packed and healthy. Dave Maloney asked Fountain Rock Nature Center staff to be alert him if/when any swarms appear.

New Meeting Place: We met at All Saints Episcopal Church this month. Next month will be back at Fountain Rock. We will discuss over all feelings about meeting place in July.

MD State Report: Bill says the big news at the state level is that Jerry Fisher is retiring from the chief inspector position. Interviewing new candidates as replacement.

Izzy Hill is doing seminars throughout the state about nematodes, a worm that you put at the base of your hives. These worms feast on small hive beetle larvae. Might be a good speaker.

"Mera" (Penn State University) is developing a new app where you will be able to diagnose many hive issues on the app. They are looking for funding. Many other clubs have agreed to donate and support the research. The app will cover 7 states throughout the Eastern US. Motion was made to donate \$250. Bill will resend info-please review so we can cast a vote in July.

New Business:

Website has been updated to indicate members available to catch swarms. Email with your name, town, email, and part of town where you work. (This information will be on our public area on our website). Send this info to Dave Maloney.

Mike made a suggestion that the club keep on hand some wax foundation that the club purchase. This way members will be able to get at least that if they are in a bind. We also need some for the fair.

Bee Discussion: All About Swarming (signs, catching, stopping, etc.)

Dave Maloney started the conversation on preventing swarms by reversing the brood box in early spring. Swarms are bound to happen. Being prepared is best strategy. Have equipment on the ready.

John Klapac suggested putting a queen excluder on top of the bottom board to encourage the queen to stay. He's seen up to 4 queens in one hive living happily together. They won't settle any scores until after the nectar flow. You could also clip the queens wings to prevent her from flying away.

Ed and Glen said they just continue to stack boxes up giving the bees plenty of space to build. Ideally have 2 or three brood boxes.

Flow should be over by mid-July. Wait until August to extract.

MITES: Recipe on the internet from the University of WV for wintergreen patties. John Klapac sells his version of it in bucket form.

MAQS formic acid strips, Api-Guard, powdered sugar are all ways to help with mites. Wait until after the nectar flow to treat with chemicals.

The meeting ended with door prizes (thanks everyone!) and was officially adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The next meeting will be July 2nd, 2014, at 7:30 pm at Fountain Rock Nature Center in Walkersville. Keep an eye on email/website for updates and directions.