

Stokes County Beekeepers Association

Minutes for Tuesday October 8, 2024

Present:

Katie Sizemore (President), Dan Joyner (Vice President), Karen Butner (Treasurer), Brian Cain (Program Manager), Marcus Wright (Secretary)

Absent:

Call to Order:

Katie Sizemore called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

October minutes are posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen Butner reported the club's balance as \$3376.32. There are outstanding checks for \$421.10. A motion was made to accept the amounts; the motion was seconded and passed by the club.

Old Business:

Katie Sizemore, Karen Butner, and Marie Koroll volunteered for the 2025 officer search committee. Nominations for officers will be presented at the November 12 meeting.

New Business:

Formation of a Bee school committee was discussed. Brian Cain will chair the committee and will need another two members. The committee will help Brian and organize demonstrations. The lecture portion has already been arranged. Bee School dates are February 1, 8, 15, and 22. The practical test is on March 8.

It was recommended we have online sign up and payment available on the web site for the 2025 Bee school. The club will take cash and check as well. Bee school cost will be \$75.00 including the book. Club membership is separate and will still be \$20 per year. There is an online processing fee of \$0.10 + 2.85% of the total per transaction. There is no monthly fee for the service. Brian Cain advised to limit enrollment to 40 people. A motion was made to post the online signup form and take online payment. The motion was passed. A motion was made for the Bee school and book to cost \$75.00 with membership being separate at \$20 per year. The motion was passed.

Hurricane relief for Western North Carolina was brought up for discussion. Dr. David Tarpy (NCSU) and NCSBA president Rick Coor sent an email listing ways to donate. The current message is that immediate concern for life, rescue, and rebuilding infrastructure comes first but that beekeepers can prepare to donate bees and supplies in the spring.

Meeting Adjourned:

8:42 p.m.

Next Meeting:

November 12, 2024