

# Stokes County Beekeeper Association

## Minutes for May 12, 2026

### DRAFT

**Present:** Rusty Hampton (President), Brian Cain (Vice-President), Nicky Makruski (Treasurer), Cindy Williard (Secretary)

**Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** Rusty Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:59 PM.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from March 10 meeting were distributed and approved by club. The April meeting was canceled due to water outage that resulted in the building being closed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nicky Makruski reported a balance of \$3535.16. Club voted to approve treasurer's report. There was a question about an uncashed check sent to the club's PO Box. Nicky will check the box and make deposit.

#### **Announcements:**

- **Free Podcast** Leigh Wilkerson presented to the club online on techniques for splitting hives for beginners and more experienced beekeepers. Leigh can be reached at [fiveapplebee@gmail.com](mailto:fiveapplebee@gmail.com) and posts a free podcast at <https://fiveapple.podbean.com>. Leigh provides extensive beekeeping best practices and free training resources.
- **Practical Test** Those seeking to obtain NCBA Certified Beekeeper's status will be held on Sat May 23.
- **NCBA 2026 Summer Bee Conference.** The NCBA 2026 Summer Conference will be held July 9-11, 2026, at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Registration is open and volunteer receive \$35 discount on conference registration.
- **Farmer Appreciation Dinner**, South Stokes High School, April 23, 5:30. Auction at 8 pm. BBQ dinner and freebies. Club voted to sponsor the dinner at \$100 bronze tier. Club members are needed to attend meal, set up a table, and pass out information.
- **A Night with Bob Binnie**, Winter Wood Event Cent, 67 Winter Wood Lane, Sparta, NC May 28, 5:30 to 8:30 PM. BBQ plate and lecture. Cost \$15.00. Proceeds go to Allegany Beekeepers Association.

**Attendance:** 34 total, 31 members, 3 guests

#### **Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: June 9, 2026.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.