

Ashe County Beekeeping Association

Board of Director's Meeting

5/14/15

1. BOD Meeting at 6:00 PM – Randy Baldwin, Helen Baldwin, Fowler Bush and Doug Ehrhardt in attendance.
 - a. Treasurer's Report -\$688.53
 - b. Doug Vinson – it is proposed to give him \$30 as gas reimbursement, or as an honorarium (if he will accept) and a cap.
 - c. Honey Hole advertisement on web...paid up thru this year.
 - d. NCSBA is asking for photos, news, classes, etc. from each chapter throughout the year so they can publish in their Bee Buzz publication.
 - e. Apimundia - International organization of beekeepers asking for donations to bring speakers to the 2019 meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Harry suggested we donate \$25.
2. Randy Baldwin plans to bring up information on bee losses...if you do the numbers, we don't have enough bees as a cluster to make it through the winter.
 - a. Randy feels that you need to start in August, stays warm but goldenrod didn't have a normal cycle...pollen and nectar.
 - b. If foraging pollen is gone by the end of August, mid-September, then the queen reduces the number of eggs she is laying.
 - c. A hive will lose so many that the overwintering cluster is too small to survive the winter.
 - d. Joy Lewis had some pollen patties, putting them in the hive in August.
 - e. Feed, feed, feed and supplement with pollen patties. Bee hives should have a storehouse of pollen, but may need to be supplemented.
3. The BOD meeting ended at 6:58 PM.