

ACBA Meeting
3-9-17

Welcome

Introduction of officers:

President - Randy Baldwin

Vice-President - Helen Baldwin (not here)

Secretary - Doug Ehrhardt

Treasurer - Bill Naser (attending another board meeting; should be back)

Program Chair - Maggie McClelland

Past President - Harry Galer

Board Members - Paulette Lawrence (not here), H. S. Greene, Doug Galloway

Introduction to Beekeeping class held last month; hive winner(s) for the highest score on the classroom portion of the Certified Beekeeping test - Gilly and Eben Macknee (father and son). Thanks to Hidden Happiness Bee Farm for the hive donation!

Maggie McClelland - Program Chair. Providing snacks and lining up door prizes. Tonight's prizes - wildflower seeds donated by Parson's Feed and a pint of Joy Lewis' Joy Bee Sweet. Thanks to both!

Hidden Happiness Bee Farm has a few nucs for sale. The deliveries are currently scheduled for the last week in April and the first week in May, tho the dates could change in the event of inclement weather.

Dues can be paid tonight after the meeting, if you didn't have a chance before:
ACBA membership - \$10/individual, or \$15/family
NCSBA membership - \$15/individual (can either pay thru ACBA or online - www.ncbeekeepers.org)

Also, raffle tickets for the 5-frame nuc are available for purchase - \$5 each, or 3/\$10. The tickets will be on sale thru the April meeting; the drawing will be held at the end of the April meeting. Details for claiming the nuc will be provided when they're available. Maggie had a great idea - in exchange for honey she gives her friends and family, they bought raffle tickets for her! They didn't want the nuc; they just want more honey!

Tina Roberts, a new member who attended the class, has some yellow blossom sweet clover seeds for sale (bees love it!): 1 lb/\$4, 8 oz/\$2, 4 oz/\$1. You can check with her at the break or after the class if you're interested.

Bee Culture sent a box of magazines, so be sure to pick up a copy.

The Farmers Market has invited the group to the special Earth Day Celebration on April 22 (8am-1pm). We'd appreciate some help manning the table (or tables); we don't know much yet, but it should be fun!

Also on April 22 (12pm-1pm) is a Beekeepers Meeting/lunch sponsored by the Extension Office at Southern States in Jefferson. Greg Fariss, State Apiary Inspector, will be on hand to discuss summer beekeeping and updates on caring for bees. Lunch is provided at no charge. Reservations are requested by April 19 to the Extension Office - 336-846-5850. Flyers are available on the table.

Bill Naser went on a safari in the fall and brought back some honey from Africanized bees. We have tasting spoons if you dare....

First speaker tonight is James Wilkes (hive sampling programs)....

Draw for door prizes

Break - raffle tickets (if anyone's available to take the money)

Randy - nucs

Closing - thanks for coming! Hope to see you at the April 13 meeting, when B Townes, President of the Wilkes bee group, will talk about foraging. Be sure to leave your name tags on the table!