

ACBA meeting
5-11-17

Welcome

Announcements:

Nuc raffle tickets - purchased thru break. Drawing at conclusion of meeting.

Pollen patties - \$3/each, 4 for \$10

Dues - pay at break or after meeting

Honey cookbooks - picked up in mid-July at state meeting. Can pay tonight, at June or July meeting, or when you get them.

Doug Hayes - looking for someone to check on his hives in Lansing area (he lives in FL)

Earth Day - several volunteers, new and potential beekeepers visited table, sold \$90 in raffle tickets

Drawing for door prizes before the break.

Tonight's topic - swarms. We're privileged to learn more about swarms tonight from Bob Cole, the first southern beekeeper certified as a Master Beekeeper by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America. He's traveled all over the world in various beekeeping-teaching capacities and has an endless supply of stories. He'll be available for questions at the break, so take advantage of his being here!

Bob Cole - Swarms: How to manage the capture and use them

Questions for Bob?

Draw for door prizes. Thanks to those who contributed prizes:

1. Bob Cole - First Lessons in Beekeeping (this is the book most commonly used for bee classes. We also have a few copies for sale - \$10)

2. Hidden Happiness Bee Farm - pliers(?)

3. Bee balm plant

1. Harry Bee Healthy (pint)

5. Harry Bee Healthy (pint)

We also have swarm lures for everyone, so be sure you get one before you leave. Bill Naser had the opportunity to use a lure last month and was amazed at how quickly the remaining bees on the trunk of a tree went into the box after the lure was placed inside. Bill also called to report that he witnessed a mating session at the Naser Drone Congregation Area.

Break - raffle tickets, dues, swarm lures, cookbook money, questions for Bob?

The summer state meeting this year will celebrate NCSBA's centennial. It will be held July 13-15 in Winston-Salem. Our July meeting is on the 13th, so I'm planning to go on the 14th. If you register by June 15 on the NCSBA web site, you save \$15. Each chapter has been asked to donate an item for the silent auction. Helen and I are donating 2 nights in our rental cabin on behalf of the group, and we're asking for donations for a gift basket to be placed in the cabin when the winners claim the stay. We've already had an offer of hand-dipped taper candles, which is a great start! Other items can include gift cards, hand-made items (soap, lotion, etc.), honey, etc. Non-bee-related items are also

welcomed. We'd like to be able to give the approximate value of the gift package to NCSBA sometime around the first of June if possible.

Next month's guest speaker will be Greg Fariss, who will focus on pests and diseases. The meeting is June 8.

Drawing for nuc. The winner is _____! Thanks to all who participated by selling and/or purchasing tickets.

Adjourn.