

Surry County Beekeepers Association  
April 13, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Albert Cockerham.

Albert welcomed everyone and announced that since our speaker had a long drive that we would have the program first and conduct business after the presentation.

Speaker, Doug Vinson presented an excellent program on summer splits for mite load reduction and increasing the chances of the colony successfully overwintering.

There was a short break with refreshments provided by Eugene Brown.

The minutes from the March meeting was read by Secretary Amy Moyle.

Albert noted that the equipment that was for sale by Mel LaBounty was bought by Gary and Cindy Beamer.

The treasurer report was given by Lisa Royal. Starting balance was \$76.51. The bee school generated \$1680 with 58 attendees, 5 under 16 years of age. 28 new members joined SCBA. Books and misc. operating costs of \$1037.35 were paid leaving us with an ending balance of \$719.16.

There was some discussion about donating to the state cooperative extension conference. It was decided to take the discussion offline.

Paul reminded everyone that the state conference was at Lake Junaleska July 9-11<sup>th</sup> and that reservations needed to be made before June 8<sup>th</sup>. The spring 2016 meeting will be February 26-28<sup>th</sup> in New Bern.

The field day is scheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-1 at Albert's house.

Amy will provide refreshments for the next meeting.

Eugene asked everyone to take the pollinator protection survey. Some print copies are available and Amy will mail to NC Dept. of Ag.

Bill Huckaby asked how to get a queen to move up if there's already a honey barrier confining her to an area. Suggestion included moving frames to provide a clear path and adding a new box to the bottom.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted.  
Amy Moyle, Secretary