

Surry County Beekeepers Association
June 13, 2015
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Albert Cockerham. 20 people were in attendance for the meeting.

Brendon Albiston was visiting from New Zealand. Albert introduced Brendon and asked him to share a little about beekeeping in New Zealand. Brendon brought 2 kinds of local honey from New Zealand. The most popular and profitable is Manuka honey. The Manuka plant only grows in New Zealand and grows like a weed.

The minutes from the May meeting were read by Secretary Amy Moyle.

A sign up sheet for the annual picnic was passed around.

The treasurer report was read by Amy Moyle for Lisa Royal. Starting balance was \$594.16. We paid \$105 for stamps for postcards. We took in \$12.50 from the 50/50 raffle and \$40 from the silent auction. Ending balance was \$541.66.

No one volunteered to provide refreshments for the next meeting in August that will be a honey extraction workshop.

The program was a DVD by James Tew on Thieving Bees – why colonies rob each other.

Before the program began, Albert noted that we were moving into robbing time with the nectar flow down and we needed to be careful going in to our bees so we didn't set off robbing activity by exposing honey smells from the hive.

After the program, Albert noted that sourwood is starting to come out and there would be blooms hopefully in about another week.

Jim Harvey expressed concern about the timing on when post cards were sent out.

Larry Calhoun asked what was going on with the extension hive. From what we can tell, it was exposed to a pesticide and died. Now we have robber bees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted.
Amy Moyle, Secretary