



Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

Monthly Meeting Minutes

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August 06, 2019,

President Rick Queen called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter for August 2019.

Bloom Report: Some plants reported to be currently in bloom are: Joe Pye, Ironweed, Goldenrod, Aster and some Clover. The nectar flow seems to be very good this year and greatly improved over the poor nectar flow for 2018.

2019 Haywood County Fair: Entries for the fair should be submitted August 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

- **School Day** for the fair will be Friday, **August 23rd**. **Volunteers are needed** to speak to 4th graders about basic beekeeping. Volunteers should report at the fairgrounds at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Beth Sain or Bill Skelton if you can help out.

The **Soil and Water Conservation 5th Graders' Field Day** will be held in early October. Bill Skelton asks for volunteers to speak to these students about beekeeping basics. Bill will prepare a volunteer signup sheet, which will be circulated at the September meeting.

Bill Skelton will conduct a **varroa mite monitoring demonstration** Saturday, **August 10th** at the lodge at the old test farm. Please bring your bee suit and gloves if you wish to participate in the sugar shake demonstration. The demonstration will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will be followed by a **covered dish supper** at around 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. The Bee Club will provide meat. Please bring a side dish to share.

The State beekeepers' meeting will be held August 08 – 10, 2019, at the convention center in Hickory, NC.

David Massengill, Mountain Regional Director for the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, announced that the Honey Certification Program is on hold until further notice.

David also announced that the 2020 spring State Beekeepers' meeting will be held in Newbern, NC in March. The Mountain region needs more representation at the State meetings.

Cynthia Schwartz, treasurer, reported that the Club currently has \$316.04 in checking and \$3,006.29 in savings.

Door prizes were given out.

Our presenters for tonight were **Rick Queen, Beth Sain and Frank Holder**, who gave a very-well-prepared, excellent program on preparing honey for competition and processing beeswax.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy G. Way, *Secretary*