

Beekeepers Association of Southwest Florida

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Regular Business Meeting, October 19th, 2023

BEFORE MEETING MIX & MINGLE

Call to Order: by Dennis Riggs, President at 7:00p

Introduction of Guests (and New Members): by Dennis Riggs

- NONE

Secretary's Report (Minutes): Previous minutes were made available via website. Minutes were accepted by Bob Brown seconded by Cory Graves. Motion carried (unanimous).

Treasurer's Report: by Virginia Motion.

Beginning balance of \$10,041.69, DEPOSIT consists of memberships x42(new) (\$30), door prize (\$75), LCEC Grant \$4,166. Deposit TOTAL \$4,271 WITHDRAWAL consists of Flowhive with frames \$586.84, Withdrawal in error \$17.26, Public Education Committee Meeting \$52.08 Withdrawal TOTAL \$656.18. Ending balance \$13,656.51 Moved by John M. and seconded by Jeff Huddleston report accepted.

Public Education: A committee has been formed and initially met to outline roles, responsibilities and goals. A second meeting was held and specific actionable items were selected by some members. This includes development of PowerPoint presentations for public education purposes and investigating some marketing type materials. All paperwork has been filled out and submitted for "Solicitation of Sponsorship". Another bee type grant was applied for as well.

Apiary Report: by Dennis Riggs. report was supplemented by our website photos and captions displayed on TV monitor at the meeting and similar/additional information may also be found on our Facebook page. Bees are in the TBH, populated by langstroth conversion frames and headed by an Eli Mendez donated queen. Flow Hive is now populated as well. We are in need of an additional apiary day.

Mentoring Committee Report: by Dennis Riggs, available on the website.

- Dennis Riggs
 - Ashlie, bees at Dennis' house had a second honey harvest of 9 frames of Brazilian pepper honey.
 - Frames were assembled at Josh's apiary. A video was made and posted to our website and FB page. A video was also collected on another day documenting swarming.

- Jennafer, a robbing event occurred during an inspection and was luckily thwarted by intervention with moving screens, wetted draping cloths over the hives and pulling of the honey super.

Communication Committee Report: Dennis is keeping website and Facebook up-to-date with apiary and mentoring progress.

Old Business: Florida State bee convention was the past weekend. Dennis was a presenter and built a TBH live. We gathered ideas for a potential BASF convention.

New Business: This is the month to decide leadership.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 7:46p

Moved by John Maccia, seconded by Cory Graves, Unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted by Jennafer Snyder, Secretary.

Raffle: Door prize,

Meeting Discussion: Main Speaker, Angela Bartholmew (Topic: Progression from Beginner Beekeeper to Delving into all Aspects of Beekeeping)

- Introduction of what she will be discussing at the next meeting.