

# Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Aug 18, 2015

Location: First Christian Church of Bryan/College Station, 900 S Ennis St., Bryan, Texas 77803

Attendance: 26 Total (21 members / 5 guests)

Board Meeting:

Chris Barnes, Chuck Durham, Garland Martine, Steve Payne & Sandra Smith

- 1) Monthly Minutes: Posted on website.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Official report unavailable at Board Meeting.
- 3) Insurance: Cost of insurance \$800 per year. This insurance covers fall school, youth program participants and club events. Motion to purchase insurance made by Garland Martine and seconded by Church Durham. Chris will check with Dwight Miller of Hoccheim Prairie Insurance. .Motion passed
- 4) Fall Bee School: Chris Barnes, Dalene Barnes and Chuck Durham visited Sam Rayburn Middle School and verified the space is sufficient. Detailed volunteer sheet needed.
- 5) Youth Program: Chris Barnes, Garland Martine, Tim Elliott, Dell Brant, and Michael Keiling met and decided Central Texas club would change the time back to 6:15 pm for youth program.so our youth can participate. BVBeeks youth drive from Bryan/College Station and the earlier time was difficult.
- 6) Club Website: Many clubs can participate and use the new site for one price. The TBA is in favor of it but haven't reached a decision to support it. Brazos Valley Beekeepers (aka BVBeeks) will pay for it and others can join. Cost is \$210 for 3 year contract. This subject tabled until after the fall bee school.
- 7) By-Laws Amendment Proposal: Chris Barnes explained necessary changes in current club by-laws. Currently we have

1/odd and 2/even Member-at-Large board positions. The Youth Director will take over the odd year position. Chris Barnes made the motion to amend the proposal from the last month and it was seconded by Chuck Durham. Motion passed. Chris Barnes will re-present in the meeting and the club will vote next month on the proposed amendment.

PROGRAM: Dr. Juliana Rangel of the A&M Honey Bee Lab presented:

1. Members of the Rangel Lab
2. USDA NIFA Grand Information
3. Projects on IPM of Varoa
4. Outreach Activities
5. Projects with Feral Bees
6. Acknowledgments

Regular Meeting:

- 1) President Chris Barnes called the meeting to order.
- 2) Minutes emailed to everyone. Alvin Dean made motion to pass and Mark Avery seconded. Motion approved
- 3) Treasurers Report: Betsy McCauley reported \$1,952.93 and \$500 to be deposited from fall school registration.
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Youth Program: Central Texas has agreed to change the time to 6:15 pm for the BVBeek youth driving from Bryan/College Station to be able to attend

- 5) By-Law Proposal: Chris Barnes explained the necessary changes to the current Constitution and By-Laws of the Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association for the new position of Youth Director.

Article IV – Officers & Board of Directors

Section 1 Officers. The amendment would read:

The Officers of the club shall consist of seven (7) members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Program Director and two (2) Member-at-Large positions.

Section 4. Duties of Officers.

e) The Youth Program Director shall be responsible for all of the administrative and educational aspects of a Club youth program as directed by the Board of Directors. This includes, but is not limited to, maintain records of program participants, design of educational program, and implementation of the program.

Section 5. Terms. Each position of the Board of Directors shall serve a term of two (2) years.

b) The positions of Vice-President, Treasurer & Youth Program Director shall be elected in “odd numbered” years.

c) No person may serve in the position of Treasurer for more than a single consecutive term. For all other Officer positions, no person may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms except for the position of Youth Program Director (with unanimous approval of the Board of Directors).

Article V – Club Year, Annual Meeting & Elections

Section 3. Elections.

b) e) This section would be deleted entirely.

Larry Newlin made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Steve Payne. The club will vote next month on the proposed changes.

c) Bee School: Volunteers will be needed to work the fall school.  
A signup sheet will be passed around.

6) Bee Swap: Members are encouraged to bring bee items they wish to sell/swap. This will take place after the meeting has been adjourned.

Submitted:  
Saundra Smith