

Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14, 2015

Location: Bryan Medical Center/Texas A&M Family Medicine conference room;
2900 E 29th Street, Bryan, Texas 77802

Board Meeting:

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

1. President Chris Barnes brought up a problem with the Youth Program time change implemented by the Central Texas Beekeepers club. The new time begins the youth program at 5:30pm – which makes it very difficult on the Youth Program participants of the BVBeeks club to attend. He then proposed that if the Central Texas club is unable or unwilling to change the start to a later start time; we (BV Beeks) “break away” and conduct our own youth program.
2. Chris Barnes asked the board to propose 3 changes to our club By-Laws as allowed under Article VIII:
 - a. Change Article IV, Section 1, renaming 1 of the At Large positions to be "Youth Program Director"
 - b. Add an "e" to Article IV, Section 4, outlining the duties of the "Youth Program Director".
 - c. Strike Article V, Section 3(d). This paragraph only applied to elections for the initial year of the club. Now that we are well past this, it no longer holds any meaning in the By-Laws. This move is purely procedural/cleanup.

Motion was made by Steve Payne, Chuck Durham seconded; passed unanimously to bring this to the club as proposed. Chris Barnes will present to the club at tonight's meeting. It will be voted on next month, with the change to take effect in the elections in December.

Regular Meeting:

Attendance: 40 (29 Members; 11 Guests)

Chris Barnes called the meeting to order and gave the floor to Clint Weaver of R. Weaver Apiaries.

Program:

Clint Weaver with R Weaver Apiaries was introduced. He is a 5th generation beekeeper located in Navasota, Texas. R Weaver Apiaries sells queens, equipment, nucs & packaged bees. An open discussion went well over his allocated time as members & guests received his wisdom on beekeeping, and peppered him with questions for more discussion.

Agenda Items:

- Chris asked guests to introduce themselves.
- Minutes had been emailed to every member – no corrections suggested.
- Betsy McCauley gave a treasurer's report of \$1,877.85 in our bank account.

Old Business:

- Fall Bee School- Chuck Durham has had two meetings to orchestrate the fall school. Bee School Committee members were recognized. Additional volunteers will be needed as the event draws closer.
Registration for paying attendees is now on the club's website

New Business:

- Chris Barnes presented the dilemma of Central's time change for the youth program and the possibility of taking the program on our own as discussed in the earlier Board meeting.
- Chris Barnes presented a set of By-Law changes being proposed and presented by the Board of Directors. They will be voted on next month.

Submitted: Sandra Smith