

Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2015

Location: 4-H Building, 4180 Highway 6, College Station, Texas

Attendees:

Chris & Dalene Barnes, Michelle Pankonien, Alvin & Kristina Dean, James Titus, Nini & Lou Hodges, Jim Anding, Bettie Martine, E.T. Ash, Jane Packard, Mike Brooks, Stacie Grange, Helen & Harvey Wise, Mark Andrew, Cristine & Gaylor Morgan, Bill Haddock, Marjorie Shenkir, Jeff Edwards

A&M Students for extra credit: John Montoya, Jack Langhead, Katy Boyd, Anthony Sanford

Program: E.T. Ash – Spring Beekeeping

President Chris Barnes had everyone introduce themselves, and tell a bit about their bees and beekeeping experience.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion from Alvin Dean, with a second from Nini Hodges.

The club account has about \$1260 in it; there was no official report.

Old business:

The Youth program is set to go, we will officially be part of the Central Texas Beekeepers program, taking our kids and their mentors to the meetings in Brenham. We can sponsor about 4-5 kids our first year. The club's fiscal responsibility will include a book, a hive tool, and their hives at the end of the year. Our kids will be joining 4-H, as our program will be under that program.

Chris Barnes and Chuck Durham are working on getting an adult mentorship program going, and our guest speaker next month will be the coordinator of that program from the Montgomery County Club.

We are still planning the Fall Bee School, location is still pending, but Sam Rayburn Middle School is looking like a very real possibility. More on that next month.

The Central Texas Beekeeper Association Bee School will be on March 28th. Our club will have a table, and we need volunteers to man it; sign up sheet available. Our club's official role to help will be clean up at the end of the event, as many club members as can commit to helping will be put to work.

There are a few extra club t-shirts, if you want one see Chris afterwards. We'll probably be placing another order soon.

New business:

Chris is looking into a new format for the club website that will give us more space and flexibility. He asked for volunteers who know WordPress to help with that.

The club will be hosting its First Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, April 18, at the Barnes' house. Alvin Dean is coordinating food, see him to sign up. The club will provide burgers, club members will need to bring sides, desserts, and drinks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.