**WALTON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

**Location: Center Hill Baptist Church, Hwy. 20, Loganville, Georgia**

**Purpose: Special Election of President**

**Attendees: Members 25 Visitors 5**

The meeting was called to order by President, Susan Boss, at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Linda Rivers, Secretary, read the Minutes from our December 18, 2018 meeting. The Minutes were approved as read.

**Reading of the Treasurer’s Report**

Billy Wages, Treasurer, read the Treasurer’s report. The Association’s bank balance was $2,653.52. The Treasurer’s report was approved as read.

**Our Condolences**

Billy Wages’ mother passed away on January 4, 2019. The Association expressed their condolences. Donations were received to support her wish to donate to the Shriners or to her church.

**New Business**

The Georgia Beekeepers Association’s Spring Conference will be held in Augusta, GA on February 15 and 16, 2019 at Augusta University Summerville Campus.

We held a special election to replace our current President, Susan Boss, who had to step down due to her increased work schedule with her business.

Ann Langley voiced that a bee club President should have the qualities of leadership and vision for the direction of the club. The President does not have to own bees.

Linda Rivers nominated Phil Lord as a candidate for President. Michelle Alderman volunteered her services as a candidate. No other nominations or candidates were forthcoming.

A club member requested a breakdown of the responsibilities of a bee club President. Susan Boss outlined the major responsibilities to include compiling the monthly association meeting agenda, schedule monthly association speakers, GBA liaison, monthly/quarterly newsletter, line up speakers for community events, connecting with the Board of Directors, scheduling and attending Board of Directors meetings, and Facebook updates. The President has the authority to delegate some of these duties. We could even consider filling the position of President on a short-term basis until our next Board of Directors election in August, 2019.

Larry Compton collected and counted the members’ written ballots between candidate Phil Lord and candidate Michelle Alderman. The ballots were tallied with a result of 25 to 2 for Phil Lord.

Phil Lord took his new position as WCBA President and introduced himself to the Association. He manages 3 hives as a hobby and works full-time.

**Discussion**

Following the election, there was discussion about bees and beekeeping.

**Announcements**

The next association meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Our guest speaker will be Roy Rush of Rush Apiaries. He will talk about queen rearing and selling honey for profit

**Adjourn**

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rivers, Secretary