***Walton County Bee Association Meeting Minutes***

*Date: August 15, 2017*

*Location: Center Hill Baptist Church*

*Time: 7-9 p.m.*

*Purpose: Educational Meeting*

*Present: 25 people in attendance*

*Meeting:*

* *Susan B. opened with the Beekeeper’s Prayer*
* *Minutes from July 18, 2017 meeting were read and approved*
* *Susan B. introduced our guest speaker Elaine B., President of the Walton County Master Gardeners who spoke on Planting for the Pollinators – Native vs. Non-Native Plants*
* *Question and Answer*

*Upcoming Events:*

* *Bee Education Class with Jennifer Berry – Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Wayfarer Music Hall in Monroe, GA*
* *Walton County Beekeepers Association monthly meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2017 7-9 p.m. Center Hill Baptist Church. Our guest speaker will be Joel Burnsed, Walton County AG Agent who will speak on the topic of Extension Services and Resources.*
* *Monarch Across Georgia “Pollinator Symposium”, Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, GA. Cost $75 – 9-4pm includes lunch*
* ***Firewise on the Farm -*** *Tuesday, September 26, 2017 9:30am – 12:00pm
William Harris Homestead – 3636 Georgia Highway 11 – Monroe, GA 30656*

 *FIREWISE is a common sense approach to protecting your farm and home from fire.*

 *FREE ADMISSION – visit http://www.harrishomestead.com/firewise-on-the-farm for more information.*

* *Georgia Beekeepers Association fall meeting October 6-7, 2017 located at the UGA Campus in Griffin, GA.*
* *Loganville Autumn Fest – October 21, 2017 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. If we decide to participate, then we will need volunteers to set up, man the booth, and dismantle booth. We also need honey donations for honey tasting.*
* *Walton County Master Gardeners are hosting their next class in January-March, 2018. They meet every Tuesday/Thursday at the Walton County EMC building from 9-11:30 a.m. Cost $150 Sign-up by November 1st 2017*
* *Walton County Beekeepers Association will host two workshops with speaker Brett Nolan. The beginners’ workshop will be on Saturday, January 20, 2018. The advanced workshop will be Saturday, February 24, 2018.*

*Other Topics:*

* *Walton County Extension Office will create a newsletter for Walton County Beekeepers Association*
* *Beekeeper’s chore list is ‘feed now” to prepare for winter. Sugar water ratio 1:1 volume at the moment.*
* *Jonica is in charge of our membership library. Please donate beekeeping books for our library book drive.*
* *Next meeting, we will vote on whether or not to place a WCBA ad in the Walton County Extension Office newsletter. The annual cost is $50.*
* *Volunteer sign-up sheets fundraising, 501(c) 3 status , club ambassadors, community service, hospitality, marketing, donations for club, workshops, speakers, events, and library.*

 *Library chair – Jonica S.*

 *Hospitality chair – Ann L*

 *Fundraising chair – Donna B.*

 *Scott Clark may have information on 501 (c) 3 status*

*Community Awareness:*

* *Monroe Farmers Market is a good venue to promote Bee Awareness. A booth has a sign-up fee of $35 plus $15 each week. We need volunteers.*

*What the Association Needs:*

* *Library file drawer*
* *Cart of wheels for books*
* *Beekeeping Book Donations*

*Closing:*

*Susan distributed a survey to everyone to fill out. This will help the Board tailor the direction for the association.*

*Door Prizes:*

*A plant raffle was held for 10 plants donated to Donna for the club by The Family Tree Garden Center.*

*Donna donated Mexican Sunflower seeds.*

*Boss Brothers County Store donated packages of Southeast Wildflower Mix.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.*