**Walton County Beekeepers Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018

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

Purpose: Education – Treatment of Varroa by Ben Bradshaw

Attendees: Members 24 Visitors 1

President Susan Boss called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Ann Langley opened the meeting with prayer.

Business Meeting: Ann Langley read the Minutes from the August 21, 2018, meeting. The minutes were approved as read. (MSC) Treasurer Billy Wages gave the Treasurer’s report. There was one deposit of $325 bringing the total balance as of September 13, 2018, to $2643.49. The report was approved as read. (MSC)

Announcements: Susan announced the Association would participate in the Loganville Autumn Fest to be held Saturday, October 20, 2018. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to staff the booth.

Open Forum: As stated in the minutes of the July meeting, a Walton County Code Enforcement Office visited the one of our members earlier this summer who lives in a neighborhood. The officer told him that one of his neighbors had complained about his bees and that he had to move his hives. The member has complied with the officer’s order.

Scott Clark wondered if it would be worthwhile for a few of us to get on the docket of a Walton County Commission meeting and make a friendly appeal on behalf of beekeepers. According to Georgia Law O.C.G.A. §2-14-41.1 local government cannot prohibit beekeeping. The WCBA Board of Directors will discuss this matter at the next Board meeting and will seek advice from Bo Warren, a Walton County Commissioner. Mr. Warren also currently serves as the Director of Policy for the Georgia Department of Agriculture. He coordinates legislative and regulatory activities between the Department and local, state and federal government officials.

Program: Ben Bradshaw presented a program on various types of varroa treatment. Ben works with Bold Springs Apiary and has attended the beekeeping course at Young Harris College.

Susan recognized visitors and reminded everyone to check the date on their name badge to see if it’s time to renew their membership.

Many thanks to Carl and Pam Bishop, owners of Bold Springs Apiary, who donated jars of honey and pollen as door prizes for tonight’s meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Langley