**WALTON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

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

**Purpose: Educational**

**Attendees: Members: 25 Visitors: 12**

1. **The meeting was called to order by President Phil Lord at 7:00 p.m.**
2. **The meeting was opened with prayer.**
3. **Phil welcomed our guests and visitors.**
4. **OLD BUSINESS**

 **Reading of the Minutes**

 **Linda Rivers, Secretary read the Minutes from our February 19, 2019 Association Meeting. The Minutes were approved as read.**

 **Reading of the Treasurer’s Report**

 **Billy Wages, Treasurer, read the Treasurer’s Report. As of March 13, 2019 the balance in our checking account was $2,286.06. The Treasurer’s Report was approved as read.**

 **Phil read a card from Billy Wages’ family. The card expressed the family’s appreciation for the charitable donation made by WCBA in response to the passing of Billy Wages’ mother.**

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

 **Phil reminded the Association that he still has $5 tickets available for the Dr. Jamie Ellis talk sponsored by the Northeast Georgia Mountain Beekeepers Association in Clarksville, GA on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. His talk is entitled ’Why are bees dying and what you can do about it’.**

 **Our guest speaker at our April meeting will be commercial beekeeper David Shipp who owns Honey Mountain Farms in Conyers, GA.**

 **Our June speaker will be Dr. Keith Delaplane who authored the book First Lessons in Beekeeping.**

 **Donna Browning requested that members contribute small items for our monthly door prizes.**

 **One member requested that we bring back beekeeper Roy Rush as a future speaker to talk about honey production and extraction.**

1. **PROGRAM**

 **The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to open round-table discussion about beekeeping.**

1. **Gifts were raffled off including a swarm catching box donated by Sydney Moon and various other beekeeping gifts donated by Donna Browning.**
2. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Rivers, Secretary**