**Walton County Bee Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018

**Location:** Center Hill Baptist Church

**Time:** 7-9 pm

**Purpose:** Educational Meeting

**Attendees:** 24

**Guests:** 5

**Meeting**

* President Susan Boss called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
* Larry Compton opened in prayer.
* Susan welcomed our 24 members and 5 new guests.

**Old Business**

* Treasurer, Bill Wages, read the Treasurer’s Report and announced that there were no new bills.
* Secretary, Linda Rivers read the Minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting.
* Susan called for a Motion to accept both the Treasurer’s Report and the Secretary’s Report. The Motion was seconded and confirmed.

**Program**

Our guest speaker was Bo Warren from the Georgia Department of Agriculture. He spoke about the GATE card update, the Georgia Grown program, and the present status of the proposed Honeybee License Plate.

A question and answer period followed Bo’s talk.

**New Association Business**

* Susan asked who caught swarms.
* A portion of the proceeds from the license plate project will go to help fund Jennifer Berry’s research on *varroa* as well as financial assistance for new bee clubs.
* The new observation hive is still under consideration at Boss Brothers Country Store in Loganville. There is concern about customer safety.
* Our club newsletter and GBA newsletter need interesting bee pictures.
* GBA Fall Conference will be held on September 27-29 at the new location at Lanier Technical College – Forsyth Conference Center.
* Young Harris Beekeeping has open spots for May 9-11.
* UGA Bee Lab needs volunteers. Contact Jennifer Berry.
* Scott and Ann are looking into application requirements for 501(c)3 status for our association. This will enable our association to participate in the Monroe Farmers Market for free.

**Group Discussion**

Hive concerns

**Trivia Quiz**

Susan handed out a bee trivia quiz with participation prizes.

**May Association Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on May 15th, 2018. Our guest speaker will be Bill Dunn and he will talk on Bee Biology and the Practical Aspect of Queen Rearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Rivers

Secretary.