**Walton County Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

**Location: Center Hill Baptist Church**

**Time: 7-9 p.m.**

**Purpose: Election of the new Board of Directors for 2018 -2019**

**Attendees: Members 21 Guests 9**

Susan Boss, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Larry Compton opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of this meeting was to elect our new Board of Directors for the next 12 months.

**Old Business**

* Billy Wages, Treasurer, read the Treasurer’s Report. As of August 14, 2018 the association has a balance of $2,323.49. There was one expenditure of $119.88 to renew the Association website.
* Linda Rivers, Secretary, read the Minutes from the July 17, 2018 meeting.

A motion was proposed, seconded, and approved as read for the July Minutes.

**Current Business**

Larry Compton presided over the election of Officers for the Board of Directors for 2018-2019.

The Officers elected were:

President – Susan Boss

Vice-President – Howard Pittman

Treasurer – Billy Wages

Secretary – Linda Rivers

Member(s)-at-Large – Larry Compton, Carl Bishop, Scott Clark, Ann Langley

A motion was proposed, seconded, and approved for Officers election results.

**Association News**

* Susan thanked everyone for their participation in the association. She asked for everyone to participate in one of the many committees.
* Ann Langley reminded members to pay their annual dues.
* The Loganville Autumn Fest will be held on Saturday, October 20th, 2018. We are looking for volunteers to work the booth.
* As a follow-up to the recent visit by a Walton County Code Enforcement Officer to one of our member’s apiary, the member moved his bees. Bo Warren from the Walton County Board of Commissioners is looking into a resolution to the current zoning to include a possible exemption or sub-class to the current restrictions. The USDA classifies bees as Livestock.
* Ann Langley proposed that we open the doors 30 minutes early to offer ‘Advice Tables’ to anyone who has beekeeping questions. The Hospitality Chair would greet and direct anyone who wants to participate in a group discussion. This could eventually lead to ‘mentorship’.
* The Georgia Beekeepers Association Fall Conference will be held on September 27-29 at Lanier Tech.
* Annual membership in the GBA is $15.

**Open Discussion**

Members shared their mistakes made and lessons learned as beekeepers.

**Raffle**

Susan adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rivers, Secretary