

**AABA MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 20, 2017 AT ARLINGTON ECHO**

Carl Guerci, welcomed everyone to our third meeting of 2017 at 6:30 P.M. Attendance was 31 and we had 5 guests/ attending for the first time. Everyone was encouraged to sign the attendance forms near the door with Debbie Hewitt.

**Announcements:**

Carl welcomed everyone attending the meeting and made the announcements.

- Saturday was the Maryland State Bee Association summer meeting.
- Logan Yearsley, Executive Secretary of MD Agricultural Fair Board - Spoke about funding for agricultural events. It comes from Horses. There is a correlation between Big Name Horses and unclaimed winning tickets. People keep them as souvenirs
- The MSBA Honey Fair will be held near the end of November
- The County Fair will be held in September. Volunteers can have a lot of fun showing kids things in the observation hive. Please sign up with Carl for this valuable service to educate our community about the benefits of honeybees.
- EAS will be held July 31 to August 4 in Delaware. There will be classes, vendors, presentations. If you volunteer you may apply for a tuition waiver. More info here <http://www.easternapiculture.org/conferences/eas-2017.html>

**Arlington Echo Hives:**

Carl updated us on the status of these hives. The 2 packages are doing well. There was a queen rearing class on May13. Debbie Hewitt and Carl took nurse bees from the strong hive for this class. One of the queens was used to restart Observation hive 2.

**Bee Talk:**

European Foul Brood (EFB) has been seen in 5 counties in Maryland. It is not contagious. If you suspect you have any, please contact Sylvan Preston for testing. Bees use water in summer. To attract them to your water source, Carl suggests adding a teaspoon of sugar to your water source. This should help keep them out of the neighbor's swimming pool.

**Guest Speaker:**

Carl welcomed and introduced Susan Landley as the main speaker for the evening. Susan has kept bees for 15 years, she is a Maryland State underwater archeologist and teaches scuba diving.

Susan's very interesting talk focused on beekeeping past and present amongst the Maya

**Break:**

The club meeting had a break for snacks and a chance to talk to fellow beekeepers.

### **Business Meeting:**

The meeting was reconvened after the break.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Debbie Hewitt, the club's new treasurer gave a report on the club's finances. AABA currently has a balance of **\$ 4290.55**.

This does not include dues received during the course of today's meeting.

The new address to mail checks to is **AABA, P.O. Box 152, Galesville, MD 20765**

An application form for new members is available online.

2017 AABA dues are \$5.

Benefits of club membership include having the option to request a mentor, borrow a book from the club library, extractor rental for a nominal fee, and be eligible for the door prize drawing.

### **Regular Meetings:**

One meeting remains for this year - on Wednesday, August 16 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

One hour before the regular meetings start, the club will be open for new beekeepers to come and ask questions. When possible, an experienced beekeepers will open a hive(s) to show new beekeepers some basics about beekeeping.

### **Door Prize Drawings:**

Door prize drawing were selected from a hat. The winner was our president, Carl Guerci.

Thanks to Dwight Fielder for organizing and bringing the prizes.

### **Mentor Program:**

Jim Larson thanked all those who volunteer for the club's mentoring program. If you are interested in helping new beekeepers, please let Jim know.

### **Extractor:**

After being repaired, the mechanized extractor broke again. Carl gave the details on how much it would cost to repair, or other uses for it. It was then auctioned off for \$25.00 to benefit the club.

**Apiary Registration:**

Registering healthy honey bee colonies is very important to prevent the spread of disease. Maryland law states that beekeepers must register apiaries with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Bee hives must be registered within 30 days of obtaining bees.

Applications are available online at

[http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/apiary\\_inspection.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/apiary_inspection.aspx)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.