

AABA MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2013 AT ARLINGTON ECHO

Loyd welcomed everyone to our meeting. Attendance was 56.

We examined two colonies of bees that were “imported” from the Beltsville Bee Lab by Bart Smith. Packages for the recently completed Short Course have not yet arrived from Georgia due to bad weather conditions. All outdoor colonies at Arlington Echo have died; two observations hives are okay.

The minutes of our last meeting in February, 2013 are posted on our web site. It was moved to accept them as written and the motion passed.

The treasurer still suffers from a bad case of shingles but is well enough to attend and will give a report on our finances. \$4341.50 in our account. IF anyone has ideas about how those funds might be used, please let Loyd know.

Arlington Echo changes: Steve Barry, the director of AE for many years retired on April 1, 2013. A replacement is not yet on board.

Anne Arundel County Fair: Michael Doyle gave us a detailed report for the 2012 fair and told us about upcoming changes. Michael stressed that volunteers are essential. Michael showed a slide show from last year’s fair detailing photographs and pertinent showing information. Fair rules have been modified a bit to mirror state fair rules. Selling honey at the fair will be allowed this year.

We also saw a short news clip featuring Loyd and the new honey law in Maryland!

Mentoring: Steve Hanlon has resigned from AABA. We need a new mentoring chairman.

Short Course began on February 12 with 41 students. The last session was on April 13th but packages have not yet arrived from Georgia. Joe Brotherton hosted a workshop.

Earth Day at Quiet Waters is April 27 10-3. Dave and Linda Crump asked for some help to answer questions from the public. You can contact Dave at 410-923-3538

Dates for future meetings are: June 19, August 21 and the MSBA Honey show on November 9, 2013.

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The door prize drawing (a hive top feeder) was won by Janice Fisher.

Following the business meeting a panel of experts fielded questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.