

AABA MEETING – JUNE 17, 2014 AT ARLINGTON ECHO

Loyd welcomed everyone to our meeting. Nine were attending for the first time. Attendance was 66, a new record.

We examined two colonies of bees that were installed as packages on April 12th during the Short Course. Both are doing o.k. One hive was doing quite well and the other may have swarmed, as there were queen cells on frames.

The minutes of our last meeting in April 2014 are posted on our web site. It was moved to accept them as written and the motion passed.

The treasurer gave a report on our finances. \$4,901.49 is the balance in the treasury. Loyd thanked members who made individual donations recently.

Carl Guerci reported that he has two new books in the Club Library. One is “Honeybee Democracy” by Tom Seeley and the other is “What do You Know” by Clarence Collison. Please contact Carl if you would like to read any of the Club books.

Elizabeth (“Izzy”) Hill, of the D.C. Beekeepers Alliance talked about a citizen’s research project to gain information about the Small Hive Beetle. Izzy described how to rear nematodes as a biological control for the SHB. Those participating in the research program picked up their materials and will be logging their findings onto the www.bugonia.com website. Information including Izzy’s power point presentation are available at www.bugonia.com/rearingguide

David Clark from Calvert County who is involved with BUMBA and is chairperson of the Calvert County Forestry Board spoke about two tree planting programs in Maryland. One is a forestry program for Anne Arundel County, Prince George’s County and Calvert County residents owning 2 acres or more of land. If one acre or more of trees is planted, the program will supply, plant and maintain the trees. Landowners can choose the trees and this is a good opportunity for land owners to plant bee-friendly trees planted on their property. Anne Arundel County residents can call Justin Arseneault at 410-360-8421 for more information. The second Maryland program involves \$25 off the purchase of one tree and information can be found at www.trees.maryland.gov/pcikatree/asp

The Club Extractor is being fixed right now so can't be rented. Club members discussed the possibility of purchasing a second extractor. Lindsay Barranco moved to purchase an additional extractor. Some voiced the idea of a hand cranked extractor and others liked the idea of an electric extractor. Loyd will talk with Chrissy Perry about the scheduling for the extractor and whether there is a backlog and will obtain more information on costs. A club member, Richard Van Meter, donated a hand-cranked, two frame stainless steel extractor for use by club members. More on this topic at the August meeting.

The AA County Fair is September 10-14; entries will be accepted on Sunday, the 7th and Monday the 8th. Judging is on Tuesday, the 9th. A sign-up sheet to man the honey booth for the fair was circulated. Michael Doyle spoke about plans for the fair, including the purchase of honey sticks for distribution on Friday morning which is reserved for visits by school children.

The Maryland State Fair is August 22nd to September 1st.

If you have honey you want to sell, the Severna Park Farmers market is looking for a vendor. Hours are Saturday 8-12; there is a \$10 fee to reserve a small space.

Dates for future meetings are, August 19 and the MSBA Honey show on November 15, 2014.

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The door prize drawing, a hive top feeder, was won by Frank Sullivan.

The meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.