

AABA MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2012

Loyd Luna welcomed all beekeepers, new and old alike. 49 people attended the meeting, of which 3 were first time attendees.

A video, Queen of the Sun, was shown, and a business meeting was held first.

Reading of the minutes of our June meeting was waived. They can be found on the AABA web site.

Doris Luna, Treasurer, gave a report on finances. We have a total of \$4,522.65 in the account. 103 members have paid their dues, 74 have not.

Status of observation hives at Arlington Echo was reviewed. Loyd Luna and Heather Hatfield reported that the 2 hives died, but one was re-started and will be split for use at the State Fair.

Steve Hanlon gave a status report on the mentoring program. We have more mentees than mentors. If you would like to serve as a mentor, please contact Steve.

AABA social: Date: October 13 at 5 P.M. Please email Loyd if you need the address. All are welcome! A sign up sheet for the affair was circulated; directions will be

provided to participants. An expenditure of \$200 for incidental expenses was approved by the membership.

Chrissy Perry has done an excellent job of renting the extractor. So far we have collected \$240.00 this season for rental fees. Loyd thanked Linda Elliott for filling in while Chrissy was on vacation. Linda also did an excellent job as our “Jar Czar” AABA Members have ordered over \$1300 worth of jars. Loyd thanked Linda for her service to the AABA membership. Loyd has designated Chrissy as the ”Extractor Contractor. Loyd also thanked Ollie Snyder, the Web Site Exciter” for all his work. And don’t forget Heather Hatfield, “The Cookie Cutie”. Dwight Fielder, “Door Prize Wielder” and Doris, our treasurer is the “Money Madame”.

Michael Doyle, our fair board representative, reported on the Anne Arundel County Fair, which will be held September 12-16. Entries will be accepted on September 9th and 10th. Please see Fair book for details. A sign up sheet to man the honey booth was circulated. The Maryland State Fair is August 24-September 3.

Our short course starts on February 12th next year. Applications will be available at the State and County fairs. The fee schedule for next year is the same: singles will remain at \$25; family - \$25 plus \$5 for each additional member.

Peter Quinton reported that the hive at the William Paca garden yielded 50 pounds of honey this season.

Susan Langley reported that the hive at the Governor's Mansion has done well and that they had 30 pounds of honey from that hive this year and that the hive was featured at an "Eat Local" event this year.

Members were urged to attend the MSBA meeting and honey show on November 10 at the Maryland Dept of Agriculture.

The door prize drawing, an outer cover, was won by Richard Van Meter. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.