



Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter

Monthly Meeting Minutes

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March 05, 2019

President Rick Queen called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter for March 2019.

Rick Queen shared information he acquired with regard to queen events, which are occurring at a rate of 25% within the first eight weeks of installing package bees- especially in bee packages obtained from South Georgia.

Brother Alan Blanton discussed the four levels of certification with the North Carolina Beekeepers Association and encouraged members to at least achieve the first level of certification, which is the **Certified Beekeeper** level. The exam consists of 50 beginning level beekeeping questions. There is no cost to take the exam; however, participants must be a member of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association in order to take the exam. Please contact Brother Alan Blanton if you are interested in taking the Certified Beekeeper exam. Practice exams can be found on the NCSBA web site.

David Massengill reminded everyone that the **Jackson County Beekeepers Chapter** will hold its **Beginning Beekeepers School** on **Saturday, March 30, 2019**, from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Jackson County Extension Office. Registration fees are \$40.00 per individual if pre-registered or \$50.00 at the door.

Rick Queen announced that a **meeting of the Board of Directors for the Haywood County Beekeepers Chapter will be held on Tuesday, April 02, 2019, at 6:00 PM** at the Haywood County Extension Office prior to our regular monthly meeting.

Kathy Taylor of KT's Orchard and Apiary reported that she has Saskatraz bees for sale and that she also currently has some nucs available for sale.

David Massengill, Mountain Regional Director for the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, announced that **Keith Stiles** passed the **Journeyman** level exam through the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association.

Door Prizes were given, which included a gift certificate from Honey and the Hive; a gift certificate from KT's Orchard and Apiary; the Beekeeper's Handbook; a book of Pests and Diseases; honey-bee-themed potholders, and a tote bag from Midnight Bee Supply.

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Our moderator for tonight, Vice President Micky Clemmons, introduced our panel of expert beekeepers, who answered a wide variety of questions from members. The expert panel consisted of **Bill Skelton, Lewis Cauble, Brother Alan Blanton, and Rick Queen.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy G. Way, *Secretary*