



## **GAB Executive Council Minutes January 2015**

### **TREASURY REPORT**

\$1922.94 currently in bank

\$122.56 designated for Gary's student

Approx \$50-\$60 to be reimbursed to Janice

Ray will audit after December bank statement received.

Bylaws to be amended to do annual audit of Treasurer's books. Board will review proposed amendment before sending it to the membership.

Per recommendation from Ray, have \$50.00 in petty cash.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*Logo; add date club was founded-find date? Discussion, maybe put on web page instead.

\*Group nuc purchase. 7 nucs reserved with names & numbers, 3 more possible-no names or numbers. \$120.00 each with minimum order of 10, need to get final numbers to Ray. Pay deposit by 1/22, prefer that they pay for all. Make checks out to Gainesville Area Bee Club, not Susan.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*Cecelia will need help with Storey's Guide to Beekeeping distribution and Bee College raffle tonight.

\*Pending – new flyers; Carlos & Kim. What verbiage and photos do we want on the flyer, tear-off for membership. Email suggestions to Kim

### **WEBSITE**

Question re: permission to post photos of children to website needs to be obtained, preferably in writing.

Add an "About" page to the website.

Designate an "archivist" to document the institutional memory of the club.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*March 21- 22 Kanapaha Spring Festival; Susan will organize. Response received, we will have a booth. Start signup/scheduling at February meeting.

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**GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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7:00

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen Cutts is Employee of the Year – Congratulations!

Complete website survey tonight

### **ATTENDANCE SHEET CIRCULATION**

PLEASE SIGN IN AND GIVE NUMBER OF HIVES

**RAFFLE** – Bee College tuition! Members only are eligible to purchase raffle tickets. \$5.00 per ticket to be sold at January and February meetings. Drawing to be held at the end of the February meeting.

### **NEWS FLASHES**

\*Introduction of officers; Janice Garry, president; Will Boggs, president elect; Susan Harris, treasurer; Mickey Schafer, communications secretary; Archie Matthews, recording secretary

\* Executive Council planning meeting – minutes will be posted on the website

\*Membership – see Mickey & Susan to renew or complete a new Membership Form

\*Website survey – Mickey distributed

\*Last call for ordering Dadant nucs for spring season – see Susan tonight or email her. Deadline is January 22<sup>nd</sup> for payment. Make checks payable to GABC, please pay full amount, it simplifies the bookkeeping.

\*Storey's Guide to Beekeeping distribution – Cecelia. Dr. Sanford will autograph.

\*Report on abnormal queens – inspector Stephen Cutts

Dry fall, bees should have been fed early

How old is your queen. Queens should be marked

Lineage history-some lines winter better

Grafted queen, swarm queen, or supersedure queen?

Was queen well mated? 5 day mating period for mating critical.

Colonies should be growing in August/September

Should have plenty of pollen/honey stores. Must have something coming in.

There should be sufficient brood space, queen must have sufficient room to lay. Drawn comb, not foundation.

Is there something coming in? Need to have some bloom for pollen/nectar. Water is needed

Weather is a factor.

Time of year, queens don't lay during the dearth, summer and winter solstice.

Statewide, beekeepers are reporting die-offs. Missed feedings and mite treatments are a factor.

Dr. Sanford--be cognizant of what's going on outside. Maples are starting to bloom already, could be affected by later freezes.

Dr. Sanford--are there anomalies? SC & GVC, queen longevity is down. Commercial beekeepers are requeening twice per year. Viruses are suspected, multiple factors affect longevity.

New members since October are eligible for the drawing for the complete hive woodenware

**WHAT'S THE BUZZ? What you should be doing with your hives** – future monthly information

**BEE BUDDIES; Who needs a helping hand?**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- \*January 15- Alachua Club meeting. Speaker to talk about experience with queens and suppliers. Alachuabees.org
- \*January 25-1:00-3:00 Get together at Gary's to welcome student from Honduras. Bring a dish.
- \*January 31 – help needed in woodenware building class – Susan
- \*February 5- Splits and Swarms-Master Beekeepers and small groups to allow member discussions
- \*March 6-7 Bee College, St. Augustine; Raffle for tuition to the college
- \*In March, the club will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, March 5, despite the Bee College schedule
- \*March 21-22 Kanapaha Botanical Garden spring sale. Sign up to help at Feb and March meetings
- \*February 28 - woodworking day-assemble hive at Extension office limited to 40 people. \$200.00. Build 10 frame brood box with screened bottom board & feeder hole cover, frames. Bees to be supplied when available. Volunteers are needed.

#### **DR. SANFORD**

Questions re: annual FSBA meeting, general impressions. Well organized, interesting.

Discussion of “common message” for beekeepers. Funding from legislature 4-5 million needed for new bee research facility. Hopefully it will not get vetoed this year, need more money from beekeepers.

Structure of FSBA has been changed. Non-profit status obtained.

Sponsorships of rooms, equipment will be available.

Communication with members will be electronic. Newsletter, etc., printed newsletter is gone.

New Treasurer is Bob Livingston in Tallahassee. Address to be obtained, Janice will make available.

New structure for Board of Managers, representatives. Emphasis is moving toward the backyard beekeeper, less on the commercial beekeeper.

Annual meeting to be more professional.

\$13,200.00 in the bank for the new bee lab.

(Stephen Cutts- Cutts Foundation is seeking corporate sponsors.)

Queens – “Quality” of queens is problematic, multiple factors in the mix.

We encourage all members to also join the Florida State Beekeepers Association. This is the organization that is the voice for beekeeping for the legislatures. Dues are \$15.00/year. Dues should be sent to:

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