

## Minutes

The Toe-Cane Beekeepers Association met on September 22, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the United Community Bank, Burnsville, NC. It was a pot-luck meeting with Speaker David Stallings.

President Rick Harty called the meeting to order and announced the winner of the Mayland Black Jar honey tasting contest, recently held at the Spoon in Spruce Pine. Dan Wilson, a member of our club was the winner with a locust honey mix. Sandy Hogan came in second with a tulip poplar honey. The event raised \$600 for the club to use in honey bee education, and pollination plantings. The Club will also sponsor Dan Wilson's honey at the International Black Jar contest to be held in Asheville in October. Other members are encouraged to enter as well.

Rick also mentioned that the executive board was looking into ways to bring in new members and asked for member to provide any suggestions. He announced that the treasury now has more than \$3300 which could be used to get more prominent speakers and fund activities like the Mayland Black Jar.

Susan Spruill reported that the Crafts Fair had total sales of \$881 for a net income of \$756 after the booth fees.

Rick also announced that the club will consider having November meeting again. He announced the event with Ross Conrad to be held on November 9, 2015 at the Burnsville Town Center. This event will be free to the public and will be hosted by the Toe-Cane Beekeepers Association. The program will start at 6:30 pm. Details will be advertised in local and region newspapers.

David Stallings, vice president of the Hendersonville Beekeepers was the speaker. He presented on self-sustainable beekeeping. He talked about breaking the brood cycle as form mite control and about the on-the-spot (OTS) queen rearing system used by Mel Disselkoen. He also talked about double queen hive management used by Michael Palmer and announced that Palmer would be speaking in the Asheville/Hendersonville area on March 26, 2016. Details to follow.

After the presentation, Rick announced that it was time for elections for new executive board members. He asked for nominations for the following positions:

- President – currently Rick Harty
- Vice President – currently Joe Capps
- Treasurer – currently Alice Harty
- Secretary – currently Susan Spruill
- Communications – currently Leigh Knott
- Programs – currently Deborah Palmer

The group voted to keep the currently board for now, but Rick encouraged people to volunteer to replace any of the positions in order to add new ideas to the executive board.

Deborah Palmer brought yellow mums for door prizes that were given away after the meeting. Winners were: Leigh Knott, Dennis Burleson, and Sheilah Sockwell.

The next beekeepers meeting will be October 27, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the United Community Bank.