

**GABC Executive Council Minutes**

**November 2014**

**TREASURER REPORT**

* Earnings from stepping stone raffle for donation to Gary (Kim Harris won the stepping stone!)

$1379.90 in bank

$77.98 for stepping stone raffle. Money earmarked for student

Materials fee from SFC not deposited yet.

Minimal expenses from club for SFC class, used leftover materials from previous class. No cost to create

CD.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* ON HOLD; Liability insurance

Susan-new vendor at FSBA, credit to FSBA if clubs buy.

* Prison Beekeeping Course; teach again? Ken & Cecelia

Class has gone well. Schedule again?

Volunteered to do fall class, no projector to do Power Points.

Class difficult to do without technology.

Best to do class in the spring, more opportunities to work in the hives.

* January meeting to be moved to 1/8/15

Susan-make sure room is available.

Discussion re:move March meeting to avoid conflict with Bee College

* Research lab-effort still ongoing to get legislature, Governor to approve.

FSBA plan to involve individual beekeepers to donate.

* Lubee Bat Festival – great attendance and interest in our bees!

Paper said 4500 attended.

People were very interested.

Continue to support event.

* **October – November**; Nominations for **December** elections

Nobody has volunteered to serve as an officer.

Susan will stay on as Treasurer

Archie as Recording Secretary

Kim-Communications/Membership ? (Comments re:need to get more people involved, step up to the plate)

Continue to ask members to assist with duties, etc.

* Nov & Dec; Storey’s Guide to Keeping Honeybees book sale

Check on minimum number to order. (Per Cecelia, 16 is the minimum to get the $12.50 price.)

* **10/25 – 12/5;** SFC beekeeping course; Thursdays at 7pm; Carlos administrator

October 30 **–** Ray & Archie; Bee Biology; 16 students; 14 attended on 10/25

Good class, attendees encouraged to attend tonight’s meeting.

Carlos serving as administrator. Has forwarded email about tonight’s meeting to all class registrants.

**November 8 –** Dadant’s

November 13 **-** Ray & Archie; Equipment

November 20 – Malcolm, Cecilia & Nancy; Pests and honey tasting

* **October – December;** Membership drive
  + New member packet; Janice & Archie
  + Will email as to makeup of packet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Business cards vs flyers as promo

Business cards inexpensive, more likely to be effective.

Flyers can serve as a reminder to attend meetings, event.

Flyers more visible.

Post card size, tri-fold, 3-cut

Carlos volunteer to do flyer design. Needs to be eye-catching to be in a flyer rack.

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**General Meeting Announcements**

**NOVEMBER 2014**

**7:00 Call order – welcome to members of the SFC beginning beekeeping class**

**RAFFLE- 2 basswood seedlings, $1.00 per chance, 6 for $5.00**

**FREE CHICKEN COOP AND THREE CHICKENS; To paid members – won by duane & cindy diehl**

**BEE BUDDIES/HIVE HELP**

* Who needs a helping hand?

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

* **SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER;** Membership drive
  + New members only to be eligible for free woodenware hive set (brood box & super w/frames) drawing to be held in January
  + 1 chance per individual member, 2 for a family membership
  + Time for dues renewal, see Kim for renewal form

Comments re: what the club spends the money for

-Tent

-Observation hive

-Club beehive to supply bees for observation hive.

-Supported FSBA effort to build Honey Bee Lab in Gainesville

-Member benefits- club extractor

* **OCTOBER 25 – DECEMBER 5**
  + Santa Fe College Introduction to Beekeeping course

Welcome to members of the class attending the meeting tonight.

* + November 8 10am-noon: field trip to Dadant; all welcome; let Janice know if you would like to attend

Supply store to be open for us.

* **OCTOBER – NOVEMBER**
  + Nominations for officers: President elect; Secretary; Communications; Susan Harris will continue as treasurer, pending formal election
  + Nomination forms available; self-nominations welcome!
  + Nominations through December meeting-elections to be held at December meeting.
* **NOVEMBER – JANUARY**
  + Book sale; Cecelia – Dr. Sanford’s book Storey’s Guide to Keeping Honeybees. Books will be sold for $12.50/each with $2.00 to go to the club fundraiser for Gary’s Honduras student. Order to be placed in January. Offer open to new Union County Association.
  + There is a student club on campus
  + Prison beekeeping class
* **December**  meeting – elections, potluck, (signup sheet going around)
* **NOVEMBER 14 – 15; Beekeeping in the Panhandle Conference;** Chipley, Florida
* **Extension Office upcoming beekeeping classes- November 22nd, all-day class. Good overview, beginning class. Go to extension website to sign-up.**
* **January meeting to be moved to January 8 – normal meeting night is New Year’s Day.**
* **Meeting topic requests? Let Janice know.**

**PROGRAM**

* Ken Young & Susan Harris; Bee-Friendly Landscaping!
* Susan-overview of resources. Brief discussion of pollen and honey producing plants.
* Ken-Plan and bee-friendly plants; Specimens shared to assist with identification and characteristics