



GAB Executive Council Agenda

April 2015

ROOM 2218

TREASURY REPORT

Susan unable to attend. No report available.

OLD BUSINESS

*Mickey has completed an update of the membership list and email list.

*FSBA Bee Lab donation? Hold for discussion with Treasurer.

*GROUP NUC PURCHASE – Susan – Nucs will not be available until late April.

Susan & Janice talked and agreed that we will stick with the plan of picking up bees on Bee Day and distributing them at a central location.

*FLYERS- Carlos & Kim. What verbiage and photos do we want on the flyer, tear-off for membership? Email suggestions to Kim

*BYLAWS REVIEW PROJECT – The draft was reviewed. Most, not all of the document was reviewed with comments received by all in attendance: Will Boggs, Ray Goldwire, Mickey Schafer, Archie Matthews and Janice Garry. Also discussed was which of three formats is preferred: continuing the format of the existing Bylaws, adopting the format of the FSBA, or choosing a bullet format. Mickey provided a sample of a bullet format. Janice will incorporate the comments from the meeting and will provide to the group before the next meeting, where final comments will be obtained and a format will be selected.

*WEBSITE – Mickey

(Bylaw discussion took the entire time of the Executive Council. Janice will review suggested changes.)

NEW BUSINESS

*Suggestions for club needs/purchases this year

Bee research facility?

Easel?

Posters; Mickey <http://www.eversweetapiaries.com/products.htm>

*GABC logo-decorated apparel and items

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **April 11th** Swallow Tail Organic Farm, Spring Festival. Feature speaker is Joel Salatin who was on PBS and is a published writer on organic farming. (More details on their web site) Ken & Cecelia Young will be presenters.

* **April 11-12** Santa Fe Earth Day Party for the Planet; 8:30-3pm; GABC will participate in Sunday, 4/12, only. Will can serve as lead and attend Sunday. Mickey can help.

* **April 14 @ 4:30** Janice & Kim presentation at The Village

* **Sunday, April 19th**, Alachua County Democratic Environmental Caucus Earth Day Fest; 1 to 5 PM at Possum Creek Park on 53rd Ave (~200 attendees last year); Contact Karen Epple

* **April 22 @ 3:00** Will and Lyndell presentation for Earth Day; Tower Hill Library

* **May 16; 8am – noon**; Master Gardener's Sale

GENERAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME-7:00 PM - JANICE

ATTENDANCE SHEET CIRCULATION

PLEASE SIGN IN AND PROVIDE NUMBER OF HIVES

RAFFLE – BROOD BOX DONATED BY GARY VAN CLEEF \$1.00 PER TICKET, 6 FOR \$5.00

Won by Dave Westervelt, donated to.....a new attendee who is eager to begin beekeeping.

NEWS FLASHES

*Kanapaha – great event! Good audience for talking bees.

*Preparing for Dadant nucs for spring season – Susan (Not present.) End of April, early May for pickup.

*Suggestions for club needs/purchases this year? (Balance in bank approximately \$2000.00)

*Club apparel: t-shirts, polos, muscle shirts. Interested? There are websites where logo-ed items can be obtained.

Survey forms distributed to determine member preferences.

(SUGGESTION – PURCHASE BEE SUITS OR JACKETS, SMOKERS, FOR USE AT EDUCATION EVENTS)

MICKEY – POSTERS: VARIETIES OF HONEY, POLLEN

VINCE – QUEEN CELLS AVAILABLE FOR \$4.00 EACH

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? What you should be doing with your hives.

*Continue splitting hives and other techniques to reduce swarm behavior.

BEE BUDDIES; Who needs a helping hand?

UPCOMING EVENTS

***March 21-22** Kanapaha Botanical Garden spring sale. (Completed)

***April 11-12** Santa Fe Earth Day Party for the Planet; 8:30-3pm; GABC will participate in Sunday, 4/12, only. Will can serve as lead and attend Sunday. Mickey can help. Will –plenty of opportunities to help with the event.

***April 14 @ 4:30** Janice & Kim presentation at The Village

***?Sunday, April 19th**, Alachua County Democratic Environmental Caucus Earth Day Fest; 1 to 5 PM at Possum Creek Park on 53rd Ave (~200 attendees last year); Contact Karen Epple

***April 22 @ 3:00** Will and Lyndell presentation for Earth Day; Tower Hill Library

***May 16** – Master Gardener's Sale; 8am – noon; Extension Office

Will – Format of meeting, breaking into 3 groups after presentation of beekeeping in Honduras.

Gary & Dave – Inspections/registration- general bee questions

Will -honey show to be held at the June meeting. Email to go out with the specifications of the show.

SPECIAL GUEST

Ricardo; beekeeping in Honduras