



**GAB Executive Council Minutes**  
**February 2015**  
**MET IN ROOM 2218**

**TREASURY REPORT**

\$ 4555.79 in bank account.  
\$ 2375 Balance of payment on the Nucs  
\$ 55 goes for the Bee College scholarship  
\$ 122.56 for Ricardo, Gary VanCleeef's Honduras beekeeping student

**OLD BUSINESS**

\*Membership renewals-completion rate?

Concern re: membership numbers. Numbers seem to be OK. Sign in sheet is now 2 pages longer. Non renewals will be removed from the email list in March.

\*Group nuc purchase – Susan – Nucs will not be available until late April.

Can arrange for delivery to a pickup location, must be accessible.

At this point, we will be picking up on Bee Day, meeting the members somewhere to distribute.

Janice will email members to see if there is a member with a location that they can be dropped off, details to be worked out.

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

\*MEETING TOPICS – Will, per EC planning group discussion in January

\*March – check with J Ellis to see if Koenings are in town

\*April – small groups (~10) for open discussion/questions

\*May – Dr. Teal; varroa mites

\*TBD – Aparna from extension office on beekeeping as a cottage industry

\*BYLAWS REVIEW PROJECT – Janice-No action yet.

\*Add historian

\*Add annual financial books review to take place after nuc orders

\*Add annual bylaws review

\*WEBSITE – Mickey

Go Daddy – 100 megabytes of storage. Will require someone to stay on top of it to avoid running out of storage. Associated emails, club emails through Go Daddy or personal?

Hosting through Go Daddy, theme through Wordpress.

Questions re: becoming 501(c)(3). Some bee clubs in Florida are, must register with the state, go through IRS.

As a non-profit, there is some protection from liability.

Ray will check with attorney at Oak Hammock.

Decide on email addresses to have messages “pushed” to through Go Daddy site.

1 Treasurer (treasurer @)

1 Membership (membership @)

1 Info (President) (info @)

\*Photo of child has been removed.

\*Add an "About" page to the website? Include club history on that page?

\*NUC DISTRIBUTION – Susan & all

\*Place and staffing – to be determined.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

\*Club email address options – Mickey (see above)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Different responsibilities for whoever is setting up, breaking down, deliver observation hive. Setup on Friday? Breakdown on Sunday.

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

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## **GENERAL MEETING**

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### **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00**

#### **ATTENDANCE SHEET CIRCULATION**

PLEASE SIGN IN AND PROVIDE NUMBER OF HIVES, SIGNUP FOR KANAPAHA IS THERE ALSO.

CHANGES TO MEETING TONIGHT – JANICE

SUSAN – NUC INFORMATION SHEETS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ORDERED THEM.

**RAFFLE** – Bee College tuition! Members only are eligible to purchase raffle tickets. \$5.00 per ticket. Drawing to be held at February meeting.

#### **NEWS FLASHES**

\*Preparing for Dadant nucs for spring season – Susan

\*Membership renewals; Email notifications will be dropped in March for unpaid memberships

NEW MEMBER PACKETS AVAILABLE

**WHAT'S THE BUZZ? What you should be doing with your hives. Gary – check the UF bee calendar.**

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

\*John Vanderhoek

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*February: Get together at Gary's to welcome Ricardo from Honduras. Bring a dish. February 14, potluck at Gary's. 1:00-3:00. Directions will be posted to the website.

\*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.

\*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. Only 9 people have signed up so far. Volunteers are needed to help, if the class makes.

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

## **SPECIAL GUEST**

Sean Alibrando with Wonderful Bees and Paramount Farming Company. Plan to be the largest beekeeping company in the country. (Power point presentation) Recruiting to acquire managers, etc. to build the operation. Apply at [roll.com/careers](http://roll.com/careers)

## **PROGRAM – Will Boggs**

Group discussions. Making splits-Will Boggs

Swarm prevention –Ken Young

Meeting Adjourned 8:51