



**GAB Executive Council Minutes**  
**May 2015**  
**ROOM 1031**

**TREASURY REPORT**

Current Balance: \$2413.06

**Members present:** Janice Garry, Will Boggs, Susan Harris, Mickey Schafer, Ray Goldwire

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

\*BYLAWS REVIEW PROJECT – review draft (tabled)

\*Add historian

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

\*Add annual bylaws review

\*WEBSITE – Mickey (no new news)

Mickey will check on creating a self-report process for volunteer and public education hours/ Janice will send a synthesis to Mickey to complete task.

**NEW BUSINESS**

\*Suggestions for club needs/purchases this year

- Beekeeping Mentor in a Book
- Beekeeping for Dummies
- Vince's book (need title). Janice emailed Vince asking for the name of the book.
- Janice proposed \$120 go to books
  - Mickey will order from Amazon
- Susan and Mickey will work on photo journal for club members and club educational activities
- Voted to donate \$400 for Bee research facility. If it fits with the intent of the donation platform, it will go to purchase a square foot in observation hive room.
- Easel for public education: Susan has easels that she made – she is willing to donate them. Janice will keep them with other bee club stuff.
- Posters; Mickey <http://www.eversweetapiaries.com/products.htm>; Honey poster + one pollen approved for purchase

\*GABC logo-decorated apparel and items (tabled)

\* HoneyBee Day August 22; Will Boggs initiated a discussion about Honeybee Day. A long-standing member of Alachua Bee Club is organizing an event and wants to gather volunteers from many various clubs to work an event at Santa Fe. Janice suggested creating a sign-up sheet for the event to be distributed next meeting. Susan inquired about tasks – Will clarified the organizer is just looking for labor, it wouldn't be an educational event. Janice agreed to do sign up at the June meeting. Not clear whether we would get recognition for volunteering.

\*Apimondia; Discussion of whether we should contribute and via what means – we decided to donate \$100 to help the event. Janice will forward information to Susan to mail check.

Janice began discussion on all of the activities that are going on in the club in order to prioritize projects. Janice elects the “checklist for events” as a critical club project. Mickey will check if we can get Dropbox set up as a repository for club documents.

Enhancing education is also important and we began that with decisions on books, photo journal, posters, and an easel. Flyers for shows and such need to be made to inform public about club activities/location, etc. Janice will talk with Kim Harris about this; Janice would like to find club talent to work with Kim Harris on this.

Cecilia Young suggested we have a flyer available at Dadant so that local people can find us. We can come up with something less official than a tri-fold, but could get something less official.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\*May 16; 8am – noon; Master Gardener’s Sale; Susan is organizing – sign up sheet circulated at May meeting

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## **GENERAL MEETING**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ATTENDANCE SHEET CIRCULATION**

PLEASE SIGN IN AND PROVIDE NUMBER OF HIVES

\*Cecilia informed us all on the Union County Club Raffle

### **RAFFLE**

Cecelia offered two jars for varroa counting for the raffle.

### **NEWS FLASHES**

\*Dadant is now opened on Saturdays 8am - noon! They are also running low on small bags of sugar – get it while it lasts.

### **WHAT’S THE BUZZ? What you should be doing with your hives.**

Small hives beetles might be early; Gary is still seeing swarm cells/supercedure cells (but not too much SHB); other members are reporting SHB (Janice recommends chickens for control☺); The Diehls reported bear problems, many bees with hives lost to bears; Gallberry is on further north!; Jamie Ellis in Am Bee Journal and Our Town.

Will explained the honey show at next meeting. 3 classes: black jar, novice class, extracted honey (all classes combined).

**BEE BUDDIES; Who needs a helping hand?** No requests this month.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

### **PROGRAM**

Tomas Bustamonte – Honeybee morphometrics presentation. (the analysis of form of bees)