

Good Morning Members!

I apologize for the late email as we are a week out from the last meeting but...

Here are the April 27th, 2023 meeting minutes!

- The meeting was held at Hoke County Cooperative Extension at 6:30 pm.

The meeting kicked off with mentees sharing brief stories about their mentoring experiences. One standout tale involved a mentor-mentee duo attempting to capture a swarm on the third floor of an apartment building!

Afterward, Carl Daniels distributed a quiz to the attendees on Beekeeping terminology and encouraged them to write two additional questions on the back and answer them independently.

Two informative videos were shown about luring and baiting boxes for capturing and handling swarms. For those interested, here are the links to the videos for anyone who missed the meeting or wanted to rewatch the videos again.

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VMcReBWWtw>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tK47OiXhHg>

Carl then shared his own experience of catching a swarm, explaining how he used frames as a makeshift guide to gently catch the honeybees. This clever idea came to him when he was unable to place the box underneath the swarm.

The floor was open to various discussions by Carl reading a handful of the questions written by attendees on the earlier quiz. Everyone shared their own opinions and techniques in response to the questions, making for an engaging and interactive session!

The meeting concluded at 8:15 pm with raffle tickets being drawn resulting in 4 winners!

Reminders:

- **The next meeting is scheduled for May 25th at 6:30 pm at Hoke County Cooperative Extension**
- **Nancy Ruppert will be joining us as a guest speaker!**



Happy Beekeeping!

HCBA Secretary -Joanna Craig