

## HCBC Meeting Minutes - February 22nd, 2024

### Introduction

- The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.
- Location: Hoke County Cooperative Extension.

President Carl Daniels initiated the meeting with terms and information on how much bees weigh.

- Worker honeybee = 0.00035 lbs
- Drone Bee = 0.00045 lbs
- Queen Bee = 0.00041 lbs

Now do the math of how much your packages, nucs, or colonies are going to weigh of bees when you have 1 Queen, a hundred to several thousand drones, and tens of thousands of worker bees.

### Presented Educational Videos

1. "Why did my bees die?" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWtSbVXqO\\_Y&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWtSbVXqO_Y&t=3s)
2. "Splitting Hives" by University of Guelph Honey Bee Research Centre  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwGWN0AyoFg>
3. "Comb Building" by University of Guelph Honey Bee Research Centre  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8j5UExrg2o>

### Additional videos:

- "One smart green heron. Using bread as bait to catch fish."  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKxYn9sNO1g>
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### Beekeeping Tips and Reminders

- Bears attack bee hives because of the rich protein source of larva/pupa.
- Always have a plan when going to your beehives.
- Important items to keep with you when you're out in your bee yard:
  - EpiPen
  - Cellphone
- If the bees are aggressive, just close them up and walk away. No use working around angry bees.
- Nucs
  - You will get more bees in a nuc.
  - You also get frames of food, brood, and drawn comb. Less work for the bees.
- Packages:
  - Bees are starting with nothing. It can take longer to get going once installed. Higher chance of failing later on.
- Learn from your mistakes as new or old beekeepers.

### Conclusion

- The meeting concluded with the financial report from Treasure Guy Wall.
- Participants engaged in the 50/50 and raffle drawings.

The meeting officially concluded at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting will be March 28th, 2024.

HCBC Secretary -Joanna Craig 