

HCBC Meeting Minutes - January 25th, 2024

Introduction

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

Attendee Introductions

- Board members and Officers of the Hoke County Beekeepers introduced themselves.
- Newcomer beekeepers were invited to introduce themselves.

President Carl Daniels initiated the meeting with a thought-provoking question:

"Why do you want to be a beekeeper?"

Presented Educational Videos

1. "Beekeepers Shocking Strategy for Spring Honey Production" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFOnogpYiMo>
2. TOP 3 THINGS TO INCREASE #HONEY PRODUCTION #BEEKEEPING <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-Xw6svuDel>
3. "Turning Nucs into Massive Honey Producers" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VIdA8ZZMH8>

Additional videos:

1. "Why did my bees die?" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWtSbVXqO_Y
2. What are the Queen Marking Colors - Adventures in Beekeeping <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpfgwBNadrE>

Beekeeping Tips and Reminders

- Advised to take note of when plants start to bloom in the local area.
- New color for marking queen bees in 2024 is **GREEN**.
- Cautioned against wearing dark-colored clothes, using scented detergents for bee suits, and applying perfumes before beekeeping can cause potential irritation to bees.
- Emphasized the importance of being prepared given the unpredictable nature of honeybee.

Conclusion

- The meeting concluded with mentees expressing their admiration for the mentorship program.
- Participants engaged in the 50/50 and raffle drawings.

The meeting officially concluded at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting will be February 22nd, 2024.

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