

**Good evening, here are the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes!**

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

President Carl Daniels started off the meeting with introductions to a handful of new faces to the evening meeting.

- The club business was quickly reviewed and presented by Treasurer Guy Wall.

Club members were sent the new bylaws a few days prior to the meeting to review. The floor was open to discussion about the bylaws. A motion to accept was served and all members accepted the new Bylaws.

A warm congratulations to **Kim Chavis** for taking the Certified Beekeepers exam and passing! Making Kim a certified beekeeper in the state of North Carolina!

While our guest speaker Nancy Ruppert was setting up her presentation, Carl opened a discussion about varroa mites as one of his mentees is experiencing mites for the first time in their hives. Various members gave excellent advice and methods to treating varroa mites.

Nancy Ruppert's presentation followed, "Spring to Summer Beekeeping. Going from Feast to Famine"

Her presentation consisted of information and advice on food, Queens, and wax.

- Everything is in access right now, but soon resources will be scarce for beekeeper and bees.

How to deal with heat, nectar dearth, cranky bees, and pests/parasites.

- Limit inspections
- Protect yourself by staying hydrated with electrolytes and taking breaks!
- Make sure bees have a large and consistent water source.
- Pests peak in the summer! Be vigilant!

She made a point that winter prep starts June/July with the key to success is good food and good brood.

Nancy concluded with a Q & A.

The meeting concluded at 8: 30 pm with raffle tickets being drawn and 50/50 resulting in 6 winners!

**\*Special note from Nancy Ruppert\***

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**• Next Meeting is scheduled for June 22nd at 6:30 pm at Hoke County Cooperative Extension**



Secretary - Joanna Craig

