

Jacksonville Beekeepers Association

Monday, December 19, 2011

Meeting Minutes

**Welcome and Member Introductions:**

President, Mike Leach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Guests were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. There were 4 guests and 65 members present.

**Treasurer's Report / Membership Benefits:**

Kent Wooldridge, Treasurer, reported \$3,768.13 in the treasury. A detailed breakdown of the club's financial status is available upon request.

128 memberships at the end of the meeting.

Renewals for 2012 are open.

**2012 OFFICERS:**

New officers were nominated, seconded and voted on.

Nominations included:

**President** – Kent Wooldridge

**Vice President** – Jim Altmiller and Karen Wasmer

**Treasurer** – Sue Wooldridge

**Secretary** – Debbie Kennedy

**THE ASSOCIATION ELECTED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR 2012:**

**President** – Kent Wooldridge

**Vice President** – Jim Altmiller

**Treasurer** – Sue Wooldridge

**Secretary** – Debbie Kennedy

2011 President, Michael Leach thanked the membership for his Presidency. He is happy to pass on the office. He will still attend meetings and be available to members for questions and advice as he is able.

**NO COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**PROGRAM:**

Christmas Celebration

Volunteer Certificates were given to the members who helped out at the Fair.

**MISC:**

A special thank you to Ray Claxton for being in charge of the Fair Committee, Debbie Kennedy for taking over the Community Garden Hives when Ray Gutowski had to move out of the area and to Don Peppers for taking on the procuring of the 501c preparations for the club.

**DOOR PRIZES:**

Multiple items were given this year in Celebration of Christmas:

Buckets of Sugar	Smoker Safety Cans	Honey Bear Containers	Mouse Guard
Honey Bee Books	Entrance feeder	Honey Bee Healthy	Hive Tool
Torch	Aluminum Platform	Mega Bee Pollen	Entrance Reducer
Bath Set	Capping Knife	Beginner Beekeeper Book	Hive Work Bench
Board Feeder	Bee Earrings	Bee Stationary	Bee Necklace
Honey Filters	Smoker	Bee Poster (Life Cycle of the Honey Bee)	

\$50 Gift Certificate to Wild Birds Unlimited

2 Complete Nucs were given away as door prizes to the membership only. These include boxes, frames AND bees. Recipients, Sue Wooldridge and Debbie Bohannon, will be given the boxes at the close of the evening. The Bees will not be available until the spring (approximately March) and will be called when ready.

Meeting was adjourned after the door prize drawings were completed.

**INFORMATION:**

It is good to reduce the space in hives to help the bees conserve heat. Crowding the hives by removing unused supers and adding an entrance reducer are good ways to do this.

More information on the new legislation regarding the Cottage Food Industry (including honey bottling and sales) may be found at: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/fs/CottageFoodAdvisory.pdf>

Various members continue to host mentoring days. Contact one of the following if you are interested:

Karen Wassmer - 904-268-9200 or wassmerk@bellsouth.net (1<sup>st</sup> Sun, 1 – 3 p.m. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Michael Leach – 904-349-5006 or michael@nabeehive.com (4<sup>th</sup> Sat, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

**Minute Prepared by:** Secretary Diane Gleason (Diane Servay)