

MOUNTAIN EMPIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

June 25, 2015 MEETING

MINUTES

President Mickey Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, Thursday, June 25, 2015, in Room 201, Galax Hall, Wytheville Community College. Twenty-three members attended.

Minutes were not available for review.

Treasurer's Report: \$570 was collected on the day of the workshop; \$380 from the raffle, the rest in dues. All bills have been paid, leaving a balance of \$4,332.13.

Old Business:

A glass bowl, plastic container and knife were left after the May workshop. Contact Tina Cunningham to claim.

As a result of the May workshop, one youth received a nuc, and a new beekeeper won a nuc in the raffle.

MEBA received a thank-you letter from Grayson LandCare for sponsoring the film, "Vanishing Bees", on August 7 at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 9441 Grayson Parkway, Galax. All MEBA members will have free admission, and are encouraged to attend. The film starts at 7 pm.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Discussion: A lengthy and informative discussion period focused on feeding bees during hot, dry weather; current blooms available to bees; telescoping frames; advantages/disadvantages of making nucs in summer; replacing queens in July to prepare for winter; and other topics.

Mickey mentioned some sources of linden and sourwood trees. [coldstreamfarms.org](http://coldstreamfarms.org) has linden trees. Bill Weaver, [weaversnursery.net](http://weaversnursery.net) has sourwood saplings (\$5 each) that will be ready in the fall. MEBA will do a group order in July, and we will pick them up; the nursery is near Boone, NC, and it is cheaper to pick them up rather than have them shipped.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Cunningham

Secretary, MEBA