

FIVE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: 17 February 2026

TIME: 6:30 - 8:45 PM Bennet Bunn Lodge (ZOOM link provided for remote attendance).

Prepared by JMF, Co-Secretary

Presentation

Speaker Erin Terry presented “Swarming the more you know”. It was recorded and is available for members to view.

1. Mentor Program (TH)

TH presented on initiating a Mentor/Mentee program using the club apiary. A sign-up sheet was available and 2 individuals expressed interest in helping TH with the program. TH will discuss at the March EC for next steps.

2. Treasury (LM)

The monthly treasury report was presented on screen. LM was at the greeting table to help members with getting annual dues paid. <insert report>

3. Apiary (TH)

TH discussed the Apiary work for this week was outlined as the weather is expected to be acceptable for the work. 9 out of 10 hives survived the winter. The hive under the oak was unsuccessful. TH discussed the apiary committee. He would like it to be a working committee at the apiary. General members were trying to understand the expectations and time commitment for the committee. Other questions were asked related to Syrup for feeding 2:1. What do you hope to see when going this week? Capped Brood, will feed to prevent Spring issues.

4. Queen Rearing Committee (KM)

Bee Agriculture Grants (10 were available). Our club was selected as a grant recipient. Today KM and a few committee members went to Alamance County for a follow up meeting. They learned that some queen projects are selling Nucs, Queen caps, Frames Mini hives, to raise monies. They will be rechecking 7 hives in the apiary on Thursday. The group does not need any members at this time. KM offered to teach anyone who has a need or interest. They should reach out with questions. KM noted that they lost one hive as the bees spread out to cover brood in the cold and nothing survived.

5. Technology (KE)

The Technology Survey was handed out to everyone who entered the room. KE spoke about the web migration and a sign-up sheet was out for anyone interested in the

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Technology Committee. Post meeting: No names were entered on the committee sign-up sheet. 7 people returned the technology survey which will be forwarded to JB.

6. New Business

Reminder that the meeting will take place at a new location in April and May. CM and KE spoke about the reason for the change, goals and expectations. CM discussed the location, parking and resources.

Reminder of Upcoming events:

KE reminded everyone that the Rocky Mount Bee Celebration is having a meeting in March. Kelvin Yarrell contact information is in the newsletter if anyone is interested. Ralston Blooms and Bug Fest

KE discussed email related to Exchange Student information.