

FIVE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: 17 June 2026

TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 PM ZUMC

Prepared by JMF, Co-Secretary

Presentation

Kim Guillemette presented on pest control identification, thresholds, strategies and options. In AP absence JLM presented Kim with a TY card and the honorarium check after her talk.

1. Welcome

KE opened the meeting and welcomed the guests and members.

Sting prevention materials were available to members. BeeAware prevention toolkit materials are free.

2. Treasury (LM)

The monthly treasury report was presented on screen for membership to review

3. Apiary (TH)

TH discussed the Apiary work that has taken place the past few weeks. Sign Up genius will be sent to help with bottling the honey. The honey bottling will take place at Chris Motta's home so be on the watch for the sign up to be sent.

Honey Prices: KE presented the EC committee suggestion of raising the price however TH raised concerns and DDS asked for more discussion. A final decision is pending on pricing for the 2026 season honey.

4. Queen Rearing Committee (AM/RL)

Jennifer Keller/NC State Bee Agriculture Grant presented our club report for the Queens submitted for evaluation as part of the project. The QRP team earned a grade of A. The team was busy working in the Apiary earlier today as part of their ongoing activities.

5. State Fair (Holly Trull)

State Fair was discussed and a sign-up sheet was available for anyone interested in being a part of the group. A question/suggestion was made about Honey sale duty and trying to get an earlier slot to volunteer. Anyone interested in State Fair please reach out to Holly. October 15th – 25th NC State Fair. All entries are submitted a week ahead of time. More details will follow.

HT asked members to look for any beautiful Capped frames as a potential for State Fair entry. Cut comb is also a need. Holly encouraged everyone to take pictures color and black and white for potential submissions.

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6. Other Business (KE)

Nominations for open positions were discussed. Descriptions were available in print on the welcome information table.

Buy/Sell/Trade/Barter/Free (JLM)

A new program was initiated to help members that want to buy/sell/trade or giveaway. A table will be set up in the meeting room for everyone to utilize for future meetings. Listings may be submitted to JLM for the newsletter. Please email info@5cba.com by the first Friday of each month to meet the Newsletter deadline. July's listings are due by Friday, July 3rd.

Thank you gift for Bennet Bunn

The membership voted on the \$250 donation to the East Wake Optimist Club to benefit the Zebulon Boys and Girls Club for feeding was approved. JLM will contact the EWOC to attend the July meeting for the check presentation. A Thank you card was available for everyone to sign and write notes to the family. July meeting is moved to July 28th.

A request for a possible meeting topic was Methods of storing honey supers, what equipment requires what care. Greg Wolgemuth has spoken on this topic and showed a willingness to present. AP is aware as she attended on Zoom.

Reminder of Upcoming events:

June 27th Nash County Arboretum Pollinator Series 9 am to 12 noon.

A Sign Up Genius was sent. JLM will be the point of contact. We will be featuring an observation hive to demonstrate and talk with attendees. Honey sales are being offered.

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