

FIVE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: 20 May 2026

TIME: 6:30 - 8:45 PM ZUMC

Prepared by JMF, Co-Secretary

Presentation

Honey Extraction demonstration was presented by Tina Bryant and Andrea Mouw. A hands on demonstration with group participation was conducted. Andrea had wax samples and did small group discussions.

1. Welcome and new members

KE opened the meeting and welcomed the new members: Jason Rodwell, Luis Arocho, Adam and Katie Hare.

A BIG Thank you for this month's raffle donations received from Joanne MacFie, Holly Trull, Tina Bryant, Tim Huffman, Andrea Mouw, Lynn Murray, Dana Stahlman, Anya McGuirk, Anne Perrotta, Richard and Susan LaBarbera, Dave and Paula Messier.

Sting prevention materials were available to members. BeeAware prevention toolkit materials are free. The extras will be stored in the shed with the literature inventory.

2. Treasury (LM)

The monthly treasury report was presented on screen. LM was available to collect outstanding monies for sales of Nucs and Queens.

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 removing the honey supers. Work will be taking place over this holiday weekend for anyone who can assist. The honey extracting will take place at Chris Motta's home so be on the watch for the sign up to be sent. All are encouraged to participate. Apiary waiver forms are required for anyone visiting the apiary. Please ensure you complete one prior to your time at the apiary.

4. Queen Rearing Committee (AM)

NC State Bee Agriculture Grant (10 were available). Our club was selected as a grant recipient. The Queen rearing committee/team has satisfied the grant requirement by submitting 5 Queens to the NC state lab. AM discussed how the group is working and what will be occurring over the next week. They will be at the apiary working on the Queen Rearing activities over the holiday weekend. Anyone who is interested is asked to reach out to Andrea so she can include you on the emails for this group.

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5. Technology (KE)

KE spoke about the technology committee and asked members to let the EC committee or send an email to report any issues i.e. broken links as they are working in the system to ensure a good user experience.

6. State Fair (Holly Trull, Carrie Suffern)

State Fair was discussed and the theme was presented along with some graphics to help the club envision the booth design. HT discussed some of the current activities and planning. Anyone interested in State Fair please reach out to Holly.

7. Other Business (KE)

Thank you gift for Bennet Bunn

JM suggested a donation in Honor of the BBL to the East Wake Optimist Club and/or the ZUMC food pantry. Both groups support food insecurity in Zebulon. A Thank you card will be circulated the next meeting for everyone to sign and write notes to the family. KE will bring forward all suggestions to the next EC committee for a final decision.

Facebook monitor: Suzanne Harris expressed interest in learning more to understand what is needed. DS to reach out to SH post meeting.

July meeting is moved to July 28th.

Reminder of Upcoming events:

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

A Sign Up Genius was sent. We need a few volunteers to talk with participants and someone with an observation hive to demonstrate and talk with attendees. Honey sales may be possible.

October 15th – 25th NC State Fair

All entries are submitted a week ahead of time. More details will follow.