FIVE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: 15 September 2026
TIME: 6:30 – 9:00 PM ZUMC
Prepared by JMF, Co-Secretary

Presentation

Dr. David Tarpy presented via Zoom on ***What's Going on with Queens***. Members had an opportunity to ask questions in real time. It was a very informative presentation.

1. **Welcome**
   CM opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
   Chris opened with the open positions for the upcoming election year
   President, Vice President, 1st Year Director, Co-Secretary. Anyone interested please come forward to get more information.

2. **Treasury (PM)**
   The monthly treasury report was presented on screen for membership to review.

3. **Apiary (TH)**
   TH discussed the Apiary work which includes Sugar feeding and OA treatments as well as getting the bees ready for the winter season. TH mentioned that this season there have been no hive beetles. Members generally agreed that the incidence was very low this year. Mite treatments are in progress with follow up mite testing to occur on 9/25 and 9/26.

4. **Queen Rearing Committee (KM)**
   Keith presented that the group preparing for the winter months and doing preventative work.

5. **State Fair (HT)**
   Holly presented the current status of State Fair; individual sign up are due by midnight 9/15. Anyone needing help for an entry can reach out to Holly for help. There is help needed for the State Fair Boot Honey Sales. 5CBA is slated for 10/18. The 9 am – 3pm slot needs 1 more person and the 3pm – 9pm needs 3 people. Your entry cost to the fair is reimbursable. Parking is on your own. There is still help needed for the booth and club entries. Anyone wanting to help is welcome. Members brought items for the gift basket entry – Tina Bryant is organizing the basket.

6. **Hive Monitoring (RL)**

Richard presented a few slides on the current hive monitoring system, My Brood Minder, and how the club is using the equipment and data. There are a few needs which were discussed with the Executive Committee and are now up for general membership discussion and a vote. HT asked if there could be a way to protect the Hub Sensors- Richard will contact MBM to determine their recommendation and will make changes as recommended if indicated by the manufacturer. A motion was made for a vote on the Expenditure of up to $1200 for the needed upgrades, work and replacements. The motion was seconded. Chris took the vote: All members voted YES by show of hands. There were NO abstentions or NO's given by any member in person or via Zoom attendees.

7. **Other Business (CM)**

- Holly Trull was presented with her Journeyman Beekeeper Certificate. Taylor Halterman framed the certificate on behalf of the club.
- Nominations for open positions were discussed.
- The food pantry donations were accepted this evening and we collected many wonderful items. Thank you to everyone who donated. . The members who brought donations were given chances to a special raffle. Tim Huffman was the winner. Donations received from Michael, Joanne, Paula/Dave, Anne, Carrie, Debby, Tim, Paula H, Dianne, Chris, David, Susan/Richard.

Reminder of Upcoming events:

September 19th BugFest Holly Trull presented on the BugFest updates. She has sent emails out to those members who signed up to work. Anyone who wants to attend after this point may come; however, you will not get a T Shirt. Contact Holly directly for more information.

Chris discussed the Fall club social being held on October 3rd from 2-6 pm at Kevin's home 3821 Zebulon Road, Zebulon, NC. Sign Up genius went out for the event. There will be bee races. Bring a lawn chair.

Andrea Mouw presented on behalf of the Queen rearing Apiary Project- the group purchased wooden ware and there will be a Painting Party on Sunday, September 27th from 2- 5 at Joanne's home. See the September newsletter for details or contact Andrea for more information.