



# Caswell County Beekeepers Association

November 2017

## Officers

- President  
Robert Neal
- Vice President  
Maureen Jarrell
- 1<sup>st</sup> Director  
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Director  
Larry Hupp
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Bethanie Hannah
- Secretary/Treasurer  
Nina Dabbs
- Program Chair  
Phil Barfield

## NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, Jan 25 @  
7:00pm



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## Past Meeting:

In our October meeting, members discussed their beekeeping experiences, tips, equipment, and gadgets. Also, officers were elected for 2018. Beginning in January, our officers will be:

Robert Neal	President
Phil Barfield	Vice-president
Nina Dabbs	Secretary/Treasurer
Scott Oakley	1 <sup>st</sup> year Director
Katie Newton	2 <sup>nd</sup> year Director
Larry Hupp	3 <sup>rd</sup> year Director
[vacant]	Program Chair

Our Program Chair position is currently vacant. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please contact one of the above officers.

## Beekeeping course:

CCBA will be holding a beginning beekeeping course on Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM to 8:30PM starting January 10, 2018 and conclude mid-March. The course will include a field day where we will inspect a beehive. The cost is \$70.00 which includes instruction, book, binder, and handouts and \$35.00 for each additional accompanying family member or friend who will be sharing the book and materials. Registration, list of topics, and more information are available on our website at <http://caswellcountybeekeepers.org/bee-school/>.



Please help to get the word out by passing the course information along to family and friends who may be interested in beekeeping and share on your social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

## CCBA Program Planning for 2018:

**What is it that you would like to see, do, learn next year?** CCBA officers will be meeting in December [date TBD] to develop a list of meeting topics, proposed speakers, workshops, and events for 2018. If you would like to participate in the discussion or have suggestions for our club in 2018, please e-mail [ccba@caswellcountybeekeepers.org](mailto:ccba@caswellcountybeekeepers.org).



We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00pm (except November and December) in the basement of the Agriculture Building next to the Historic Courthouse in downtown Yanceyville, NC

If you or someone you know would like to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail, or you have questions, comments, suggestions, photographs etc. that you would like to see published, please send an email to [ccba@caswellcountybeekeepers.org](mailto:ccba@caswellcountybeekeepers.org)

### **In the bee yard:**

- Ensure proper ventilation by propping up the outer telescoping top cover slightly to allow moisture vapor to escape the colony. Dripping condensation inside the hive during cool weather can dampen and kill bees.
- Provide wind blocks or breaks for your hives to protect against brutal winter winds.
- Conduct visual inspections of your bee yard to insure debris is not obstructing the hive entrances and tops are secured (normally weighted down with a rock)
- Look at your entrance reducers, on your landing boards and hive stands, and on the ground for signs of robbing (dead bees, wax capping debris), mice (gnawed entrance), and skunks (scratch marks on landing board).
- Ensure your entrance reducer is at its smallest setting (about 3/4" wide) to help the bees guard against robbing and mice intrusion.
- Visually inspect your stored comb for wax moth damage.
- Determine what equipment you will need next year. Order and receive before spring so not to be disappointed by sold-out suppliers.
- Place your order with suppliers early if you are considering increasing your number of hives in the spring with nucleus (nuc) colonies.
- Increase your knowledge over the winter by subscribing to and reading bee magazines ([Bee Culture](#), [American Bee Journal](#)), following or joining forums and blogs ([Beesource](#), [ScientificBeekeeping](#)), subscribing to newsletters and lists ([ABJ Extra](#), [Catch the Buzz](#), [Bee Buzz](#), [Bailey Bee](#), [OCBA](#), [PCBA](#)), and joining or renewing your club memberships ([CCBA](#), [NCSBA](#))

### **2018 CCBA and NCSBA Membership Dues**

It's time to renew your membership to the Caswell County Beekeepers Association. Memberships expire on December 31. Due to projected costs of insurance, speaker fees, events, and administration, the 2018 annual dues have been increased to \$10 per person beginning in 2018. The CCBA membership form can be found on our website at <http://caswellcountybeekeepers.org/membership/>. [Note: Students in our beginning beekeeping course receive a complimentary CCBA membership for 2018]

CCBA members are also encouraged to join the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association (NCSBA). Dues are \$15. You can join NCSBA online at <https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/join-or-renew-your-membership-to-the-ncsba>.

### **2017 Beehive Grant**

The North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund plans to provide money in 2018 to selected NCSBA Certified Beekeepers who purchase new hive materials.

- \$200/hive up to \$2,400 total awarded to each grantee from February 1 to June 30, 2018 in 2018 until the fund is depleted.
- Go to <https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/north-carolina-beehive-grant-fund> for details.
- To be considered for the grant money, you must apply beginning in October.
- The website application is available between October 16th, 2017 and December 15th. Their website is <http://www.ncadfp.org/index.htm>.