



## Minutes for September 12, 2017

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President: Arrie Goodwin (870) 966-3666  
 Vice-President: Vernon Lamb (870) 886-6669  
 Secretary /Treasurer: Jacque English (870) 856-4987  
 Member-at-Large: Martha Holder and Ronda Lee  
 Master-at-Arms: Rick Deroiun

**Meeting was called to order** 6:30 p.m. by Arrie Goodwin at Grandma's Country Cookin' Restaurant in Hardy, AR. We had 16 members, and Vernon Lamb gave opening prayer. Welcome to our newest members Bobby and Emily Woodward.

### Treasurer Report

FNBC Checking (Last Month)-	\$407.96
Deposits	+301.13
Paid Out	- <u>100.00</u> (for Randolph County Fair Booth)
Presently (as of Sept 20)	\$609.09

**Memberships** – 43 paid members. All annual dues are from January to January. Help your club and renew.

### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from August 08, 2017 were approved by those that read them online.

### Activity Report:

**Guest Speaker** for next month, we hope to have Mr. Wood here to talk about the 2 Queen Hive setup.



**County Fairs** are coming to a close for this season. We talked to a lot of folks and spread the word about Honeybees.

**Plant Board** - Apparently, there are 65 hives at Biggers that the Plant Board is trying to find out who they belong to. If anyone knows, please contact the Plant Board at (501) 225-1598.

**Harvesting** - Robin Boyer got 3.5 gallons from her hives this year out of her two hives. Very nice!!

**Bottles and Jars** - If you are in need - in Jonesboro, contact (800) 527-4527 at



516 W Johnson Ave, Jonesboro, AR 72401

They can provide containers for all your needs at reasonable prices.

**Mites and Vaporizer** - Andy Birdsell has an Oxalic Acid Vaporizer that he says works great and kills mites in minutes. He has offered to loan it out the members. He can be reached at 870.847.0986 or email at birdselladj@yahoo.com

**Handouts** - Glenn Clark passed out his flyer for his business he is starting in Maynard, AR. The flyer is under the PDF files link off website.

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Vernon Lamb passed around flyer (also can be seen off website under PDF's link) of



Apivar to help with mites.

**New Officers for 2018** - Time is approaching to be thinking on who you wish to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary/ Treasurer, Member-at-Large, and Master-at-Arms for next year. We will be doing nominations at the November's meeting, Voting takes place at the December's meeting, and the new Officers will assume the roles and respective responsibilities at the January meeting.

**By-laws 2018** - Per the present by-laws, *All suggested changes to the by-laws must be brought before the membership one month before the annual election in writing* . Anyone wishes to see something changed, added, or amended, please bring to the November's meeting.

**After that we socialized and meeting was adjourned** at 8:01 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** 10 October 2017 @6:30 PM

**Place:** Grandma's Country Cookin' in Hardy

Minutes submitted by Jacque English

**Bee Calendar** : Thanks to [UAEX.edu](http://UAEX.edu)

## September

### Bees:

Cooler, wetter weather may produce a fall nectar flow, allowing bees to collect more winter stores. Drones may be evicted from the hives as workers sense changes in temperature and food availability. Egg production will be reduced as the days get shorter and cooler.

### Beekeepers:

Any remaining honey is harvested. Each colony will need about 50-60 pounds of honey for winter. After honey is removed, medications for colony pests can be applied. Some beekeepers will requeen colonies now, temporarily breaking the brood cycle and encouraging good egg-laying by young queens in the early spring. Clean and safely store all empty supers away from rodents and wax moths.

## October

### Bees:

The queen's egg-laying continues to decrease, and the colony population will also decline. No more drones will be produced, and those remaining will be expelled from the hive. Workers continue to forage for winter food stores as long as they can.

### Beekeepers:

Colonies may require some feeding to ready them for winter. Fall feeding is done with 2:1 (sugar:water) syrup. Mite treatments should be removed at the appropriate time (consult product label). Mouse-guards can be installed. Watch for robbing activities. When finished readying hives for winter, don't open them again unless necessary. Each

time a hive is opened, the bees must re-seal the cracks with propolis to keep out winter drafts.

## November

### Bees:

As the weather turns cold, bee activity will be reduced outside the hive. The temperature will send bees into a loose cluster as necessary.

### Beekeepers:

Install entrance reducers. Finish winter feeding. Don't open hives in cold weather. In windy areas, secure hive lids with a brick or rock. Now enjoy some honey. Review your records and evaluate colony performance. Consider what you might do differently next year. Attend your local beekeeper meetings and compare notes. Evaluate equipment and consider repairs or replacements. Render and clean any leftover wax.

## December

### Bees:

The bees are in a tight cluster, alternating between generating heat with their wing muscles and resting and eating on the outside of the cluster. The queen is taking a much-needed break from egg production.

### Beekeepers:

Leave your bees alone. Periodically test winter stores by gently tilting the hive, but do not open the lid. Order new tools and supplies for spring and get all of your equipment in order. Consider expanding your apiary. Enjoy a few books and drink some tea with honey in it. Turn your excess wax into candles and give away a few jars of your finest honey as holiday gifts. Plan to place your orders for spring package bees and queens early to ensure you are at the top of the list.