

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## WCABA AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

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**DATE:** Thursday, August 28, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:00-9:00: Bkg.101, Program  
**PLACE:** First United Methodist Church Georgetown (MMC bldg.)  
**PROGRAM:** Clint Walker: Not Just Honey Anymore  
**HOSTS:** S. Kennedy, D. McLaughlin, M, & F, Herber, R, & B, Palmer

The format for this month's WCABA meeting will be quite a change from the usual. Since ice cream melts quickly, we shall begin with our Ice Cream Social. During this hour that is usually devoted to information about beekeeping, our members will be able to check out the informative exhibits at tables in the back of the room and/or visit with other members while eating their ice cream. Ice Cream for All >>>



During the second hour Clint Walker of Rogers, Texas will be our speaker. Clint grew up in a beekeeper family. His Dad, G. C. Walker, was a lifelong beekeeper, a man who helped Robert and me overcome many of the mistakes we had made as novice beekeepers. Clint took over his Dad's company and has expanded it into a store, winery, and vineyard. He will talk about the further diversification of his business, the construction of his new Farm Store, plus he will have a table set up to show the product lines he has now. Our club was fortunate to be able to get our packages of bees from the Walker Honey Farm this past Spring.



Clint Walker III

The 2nd Annual Tour de Hives in Central Texas, a self-guided bee yard tour sponsored by the Bee Friendly Foundation, the Bee Weaver Apiaries, and Twisted X Brewery, will be on **Saturday, September 20, 2014**. The Bost Honey House & Apiary of Georgetown will be participating. The event encourages residents to raise bees, promotes social and community welfare, the natural environment, and the historical American beekeeping culture, according to Tanya Phillips. There will be demonstrations on how keeping bees can responsibly be part of an urban



residence, how to incorporate bees and their honey into home gardening and cooking for inexpensive healthy and sustainable food, encourages people of all income levels to produce food in a zero-mile radius, and raises awareness of CCD causes and the endangered Honey Bee. For more info go to <http://www.tourdehives.org>.

The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association (WCABA) will participate in the 2014 Agriculture Awareness Day on **Tuesday, October 21** at the Taylor Arena. Students from Taylor and Hutto elementary schools will attend. There will be informational booths that will engage the students and give them the opportunity to see farm animals and learn about the source of the food, fiber, flowers, and environmental studies, growing plants, and raising animals. WCABA will feature bees and beekeeping in their booth. We would love for members to participate in the booth and demonstration on beekeeping. The time frame for the event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Volunteers for this event are needed. Please contact Jimmie Oakley to sign up if interested.

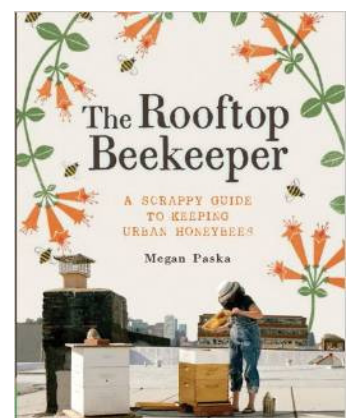
WCABA will have a Honey Booth at the 18th Annual Hill Country Arts & Crafts Fair at Sun City in Georgetown on **Saturday 8th and Sunday the 9th of November**. The booth is set up early Saturday morning by volunteers who later serve to man the booth throughout the day. The booth remains up till late Sunday afternoon when it is taken down and stored until needed next year. The honey that is sold in the honey booth in support of the Ed Wolfe/Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship Program is donated by club members or purchased from club sources, and all the proceeds go to fund the scholarship for another year. The honey booth serves to educate the local public about the value and benefit of honey bees in the Williamson County area as well as inform visitors of the scholarship program itself (*see scholarship application* at [www.wcaba.org](http://www.wcaba.org)). Present and many former scholarship recipients are invited and encouraged to participate in the booth promoting honey and the program for the benefit of those who come after them. An observation hive is sometimes present (depending on the weather) to allow the volunteers to show those interested what goes on inside the hive. The booth offers an opportunity to learn more about promoting honey on the local level, and direct selling to the general public. We are looking for a coordinator and volunteers for this event. There is always room for new volunteers so sign up early (*see signup sheet*) and sign up often...this is your program.

Welcome to these new members: Jeff and Jodie Erven, Nicole and Byron Chigley, and Jason and Denae Collar, all from Georgetown, and Douglas Haynes from Leander. Also, Rebecca Nunnaly renewed her membership in WCABA.

Door prizes at the July meeting were donated by Lisa Hoekstra, Ginny Stubblefield, Chris Moore (guest speaker), Dean Hamilton and Chris Doggett. The lucky winners were Mary Marcotte, Robert Morris, Denae Collar, Elizabeth Exley, Julie Fagala, Laurel Morris, Steve Morgan, Carol Hearn, Jodie Erven, and Holly Medina.

### **Book Nook by Holly Medina**

The Rooftop Beekeeper is an easy to read step by step guide to urban beekeeping. Megan Paska is an urban beekeeper in New York. She starts off the book with the reasons why you should become an Urban Apiarist and moves on to explaining bee anatomy, starting your own hive, inspection, harvesting and everything in between. I would recommend this book as a great first for anyone interested in starting the hobby of beekeeping. It also has some really interesting recipes in the back of the book!



## W.C.A.B.A. MEETING MINUTES – July 24, 2014

1. Beekeeping Class – Jimmie Oakley demonstrated the complete extraction process for honey harvesting.
2. Announcements:
  - a. Chris Doggett reminded everyone of the following:
    - i. First-year beekeepers who are members of the W.C.A.B.A. are eligible for a free 2014 membership to the Texas Beekeepers Association. Shirley Doggett had the forms they need to fill out for the membership.
    - ii. Chris reminded those who have checked out books from the W.C.A.B.A. Library to return them on the meeting following the month they checked out the books.
    - iii. Next month will be the Ice Cream Social meeting. A form to sign up to bring ice cream will be passed around the room for members to sign if they will be bringing ice cream.
    - iv. The guest speaker for the August meeting will be Clint Walker, the owner of Walker Honey Farm and Dancing Bee Winery in Rogers, TX.
    - v. The Texas Beekeepers Association meeting will be held on November 7 through November 9 in Houston at the Crown Plaza Reliant.
3. Treasurer's Report – Kenneth Miller, Treasurer, reported the current balance is \$4,450.00.
4. Meeting Attendance – 89 attendees
5. Introduction of Guests – led by President Chris Doggett.
6. Door Prizes – Chris Doggett, with the help of Robert, the youngest person present at the meeting, read the winning door prize tickets.
7. Special Guest Speaker: Chris Moore of Moore's Honey Farm discussed his commercial operation, from hauling hives on 4-hive pallets to the California almond fields, extracting local honey, taking his bees to the watermelon farms in Texas, and finally returning the hives to the Honey Farm around September to prepare the bees for the winter.
8. Date for Next Meeting – August 28, 2014.

Ginny Stubblefield  
Secretary, W.C.A.B.A.

At the last meeting of the WCABA Executive Board on July 17th a review and update of the club's Constitution and By-Laws by Phil Ainslie was presented, discussed, and approved with revisions, to be further approved by the general membership per the Constitution and By-Laws in effect. In Article VI it calls for presentation of changes or revisions at one meeting, to be voted and passed by 2/3 vote of members present at the next meeting. The newsletter publication of the proposed changes is presented here for membership consideration and the vote will be taken at the September regular meeting.

Changes to note: various Vice President titles have been replaced with Director titles and the office of Vice President has been added along with two (2) Directors at Large from the membership to served in an advisory capacity. A section in the By-Laws has been added allowing for changed as in the Constitution, except only requiring a majority vote. And finally, should the Association dissolve, the distribution of the association remaining assets shall be donated to the Dr. Nevin Weaver Honey Bee Excellence Fund (endowment) at Texas A&M University. Please give this document your attention.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
2014

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

The name of this organization, ~~a non-profit association~~ shall be: Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association (WCABA). It is a 501 (c) (7) non-profit organization.

Article I

Purpose

The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association is organized to engage in agriculture and backyard beekeeping education, activities that support and promote beekeeping, fellowship beekeepers, and disseminate information to the public.

Article III

Membership

Any individual or family interested in becoming a member of this association may become a member by paying the membership dues provided for in Section III-a of the by-laws of this association. WCABA ~~association~~ Associate members defined in Section III-b of the by-laws may attend any and all meetings but will have no vote in the business of the association. The period of membership shall be from January 1 through December 31 each year.

Article IV

Officers

The officers and the governing body of this association shall be:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| a. President           | e. Editorial Director |                      |
| b. Vice-President      | f. Secretary          | i. Past President    |
| c. Membership Director | g. Treasurer          | j. Director at Large |
| d. Program Director    | h. Historian          | k. Director at Large |

Article V

Meetings

The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association shall meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, except November, and December at a place and time to be designated by the majority vote of members present. The November meeting will be the third Thursday, so as to not to conflict with the observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There shall be no scheduled meeting in December due to the holiday season. A quorum shall consist of fifteen members present.

Article VI

Constitution Changes

This constitution may be amended by a motion passed by a two-thirds vote of the members of the association present, the amended changes presented at any regular meeting, and voted on at the following regular meeting. The constitution may be amended after review by the executive board and by approval of two-thirds of the members attending the monthly members regular meeting. The proposed changes will be sent out to the membership with the newsletter for review prior to membership vote at the next regular meeting. It shall be the policy of the board to review the constitution and by by-laws each October of even numbered years unless the board deems it necessary to make changes sooner.

BY-LAWS

Section I

Officers

- a. The President, Vice-President, Membership Director, Program Director, Editorial Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian shall be elected by a majority voting at the regular meeting in November of each year and shall take office at the January meeting. The executive board shall consist of the officers listed above, plus two members at large, not elected, but appointed by the executive board to serve as volunteers on the board.
- b. The nominating committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President prior to, but no later than, the October membership meeting. The nominating committee shall select a slate of officers for the next year. The list of candidates shall be present and elected at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor may be accepted. The nominee by committee or from the floor must be a member in good standing and willing to serve in the office. The names proposed by the nominating committee to the general membership will be posted in the newsletter prior to election
- d. All officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected or appointed.
- e. In the case of death or resignation of an officer of the association, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the year. In the case of the office of President, the Vice-President will serve the remainder of the year and a new vice-president shall be appointed from either the membership at large or from the present officers.

- f. Any officer being absent for three consecutive (**regular or executive**) meetings, without just cause, shall be replaced and a new officer appointed by the executive board to complete the remainder of the term.
- g. Officers are encouraged but not required to be members of the ~~TBA~~ **Texas Beekeepers Association**.

## Section II

### Duties of Officers

- a. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the executive board. He or she shall have general supervision of the officers of the association. He or she will be the official spokesperson for the organization and sign all official correspondence. He or she may call a meeting of the Executive Board at any time and place he or she selects. He or she shall appoint all committees. Committees may include but are not limited to educational seminars, scholarship, outreach, etc. The President may appoint or seek volunteers for equipment procurement, **bee procurement**, meeting snacks, honey bee queen advisor, etc.
- b. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President shall preside and assume all the duties and privileges of the President. He or she will assist the President as needed.
- c. The membership director shall collect all membership dues and keep an attendance record of all meetings. Records of past members may be kept for a period of two years or as designated by the board.
- c. The Program Director shall be responsible for a program at each monthly meeting.
- d. Editorial director shall be the association reporter and editor of the association's monthly newsletter.
- e. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the association and of the Executive Board publish the minutes in newsletter. He or she shall carry on the correspondence of the association. The Secretary will keep a copy of the constitution and by-laws. The constitution and by-laws will be provided to any new member of the executive committee or membership. **The constitution and by-laws will be posted on the website for view of the general public.**
- f. The Treasurer shall accept from the Membership Director all membership dues and all other money collected by the association. He or she shall dispense the funds of the association for the incidental expenses of the association as directed by the Executive Board. An oral report shall be given at monthly meetings. An oral and printed report shall be given at the Executive Board meetings. The monthly bank statement shall go to the Treasurer and President. The President or a quorum of the board may request audits at any time.
- g. The Historian shall keep records of past events, programs, newsletters, and any information that may be of interest to future members. In addition the historian will keep an after action file on club events. These reports are to be a review of the event and suggestions on how to improve the event. The report is to be provided by the facilitator or committed chairman of the event. This file is to be made available for review by individuals planning future similar events. It will be the responsibility of the Historian to remind the facilitator or chairman to submit this report.
- h. The Executive Board shall act as Directors of the association. They shall have charge of expending the funds of the association, as provided under Section II Paragraph F.
- i. Members at large (two): Provide member perspective and assist in coordination or facilitation of projects as needed.
- k. Any current member may attend the Executive Board meetings. Only Board members may vote on board business.

## Section III

### Dues

- a. The association shall collect an annual membership fee to be determined by a general vote at the November meeting. These dues are payable and due at the first meeting in January. . Any member in arrears for dues greater than 3 months shall cease to be a member until the member has provided payment of current membership dues. Members paying their dues on or after October first shall be deemed to have paid for the following year.
- b. Children of members and students interested in beekeeping may be an ~~association~~ **Associate** member and shall pay no dues until age 22.

## Section IV

### By-Law Changes

**The By-Laws may be amended by a motion passed by a majority vote of the members of the association present, the amended changes presented at any regular meeting and voted on at the following regular meeting. The By-Laws may be amended after review by the executive board and by approval of a majority of the members attending the monthly regular meeting. The proposed changes will be sent out to the membership with the newsletter for review prior to membership vote at the next regular meeting. It shall be the policy of the board to review the constitution and by by-laws each October of even numbered years unless the board deems it necessary to make changes sooner.**

## Section V

### Dissolution of Assets

If for any reason the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association is dissolved or disbanded, the remaining assets, after all bills are paid, will be ~~given~~ **donated** to the ~~State Entomology Department~~ **Dr. Nevin Weaver Honey Bee Excellence Fund** (endowment) at Texas A&M University.

The Constitution and By-Laws revised and adopted on:

### **Honey Peanut Butter Treats**

1 cup honey      ½ cup brown sugar      6 cups crispy rice cereal      1 cup chunky peanut butter

Use a large heavy saucepan. Stirring constantly, bring the honey and brown sugar to a boil.

Remove from heat and add cereal and peanut butter. Press into 13" x 9" x 2" pan, cool. Cut into 2" squares. Makes 32 squares.

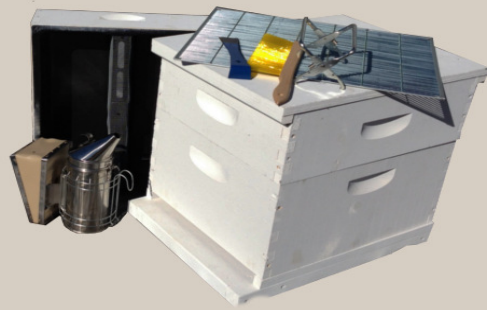
(Kristen Miller, 2004 American Honey Queen)

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