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4th TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025 @ 7PM

Georgetown Library - Hewitt Room (2nd Floor)



Dr. Juliana Rangel

PROGRAM: **Juliana Rangel**

Topic: Liquid Gold: Crash Course on the Type and Properties of HONEY

Speaker: Juliana Rangel Born in Colombia, South America, Juliana obtained a B.S. in Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution in 2014 from the University of California, San Diego. In 2010 she obtained a Ph. D. in Neurobiology and Behavior from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. She was an NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow from 2010 to 2013 at North Carolina State University. In January 2013, Juliana became Assistant Professor of Apiculture in the Department of Entomology at Texas A&M University (TAMU) in College Station, TX. She was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2018 and has been promoted to the rank of Professor effective in September 2023. Her research program focuses on the biological and environmental factors that affect the reproductive quality of honey bees, the behavioral ecology and population genetics of feral honey bee colonies, and the quality and diversity of honey bee nutrition in a changing landscape. She is an active member of the Texas Beekeepers Association and has been invited to speak at dozens of scientific conferences and beekeeping association meetings across the USA and internationally. She teaches the courses *Honey Bee Biology, Introduction to Beekeeping,* and *Professional Grant and Contract Writing*. In 2021 she received the James I. Hambleton Memorial Award, which was established by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to recognize research excellence in apiculture. She also received the 2020 John G. Thomas Award for Meritorious Service from the Texas Beekeepers Association for her contributions to the apiculture industry in the state. She received the 2019 Dean's award for Excellence in Diversity and the 2016 Dean's award for Excellence in Early Career Research from TAMU's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. She also received the 2018 Outstanding Achievement in Mentoring award from the Entomology Graduate Student Association. She was 2014 President and 2013 Vice-President of the American Association of Professional Apiculturists

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We would certainly enjoy your presence at the next meeting on July 22nd (***forth*** Tuesday), but if you can't, then tune in to broadcast virtually via "Zoom". If you are planning to join from an iPhone or iPad, be sure to download this application first: https://apps.apple.com/us/app/zoom-cloud-meetings/id546505307

We look forward to seeing you there Tuesday night @ 7PM!
GT Library - Hewlett Rm– 402 W 8th Street Georgetown 78626
Topic: **WCABA Member Meeting**
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime
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A Year of Change

…a note from your President



Shannon Montez - President

This year our club has encountered several things which have impacted how we operate. Last month, we found out that the Bost Farm has been sold. While this will cause a permanent change in how we manage the Nuc program and where we keep our extraction equipment, it is not something that will impact our monthly meetings. What is changing is our **Membership Director; Shirley Doggett.** Shirley has been involved in the beekeeping community for years and has maintained our membership roster(~2013). Shirley and her husband, Chris have been involved in Texas Beekeeping Association (TBA), Texas Honey Bee Education Association (THBEA) and more importantly, have been an important part of our board and our club throughout the years. I want to thank Shirley for all she's done for our club. In light of this change, I want to welcome **Judee Brinley** as the interim Membership Director (see related article p.6)



Nancy, Chris, and Shirley working registration at meeting

I am a true believe that our club doesn't operate without the support of our members. If it wasn't for your involvement, we would not have the success that we have today. The Membership Director plays an important role in our club. The monthly emails that we send use the information from the membership form. I can't tell you how many inquiries we get because someone is not receiving the newsletter. Probably the hardest part has been reading some of the membership forms. The more we use technology, the worse that our handwriting gets. I don't believe that handwriting will get better because we have a new membership director but one can wish…. Judee began helping Shirley with membership earlier this year and I'm looking forward to working with her.

What has also changed this year has been the weather and the devastating impact from flooding. While many of us are grateful for the rain and what it's done to help with all the plants that benefit from the rain, we can't forget how we often have no control over the weather. The one thing you can say about central Texas is that the weather is totally unpredictable. One of the positive changes from the rain is how much honey our hives are producing. Jimmie reported that the scholarship kids had extracted almost double the amount of honey that they did last year. I'm sure many of you are seeing the same from your hives. Hopefully this will make up for last year as we heard incidental stories of beekeepers not extracting much honey. If you are a new beekeeper you may want to consider extracting soon. If you wait too long, your bees may take what you wanted. Many of you are aware that one of the benefits of our club is that we offer extracting equipment for you to borrow. You may want to reach out to Jimmie soon to borrow the extracting equipment since we have limited availability.

Our board will be meeting in August to discuss the transition from the Bost Farm and where we go next. If you would like to be involved, we welcome your help.

Shannon

New to beekeeping?

submitted by Phil Ainslie

Can plants hear their pollinators?
Research suggests pollinator buzzing sounds lead plants to increase their nectar production.

Francesca Barbero, a professor of zoology at the University of Turin, and her collaborators -- an interdisciplinary mix of entomologists, sound engineers, and plant physiologists from Spain and Australia -- studied these signals to develop noninvasive and efficient methods for monitoring pollinator communities and their influences on plant biology and ecology.

"The ability to discriminate approaching pollinators based on their distinctive vibroacoustic signals could be an adaptive strategy for plants," said Barbero. "By replying to their proper vibroacoustic signal -- for instance, an efficient pollinator's -- plants could improve their reproductive success if their responses drive modifications in pollinator behavior."

While buzzing sounds can trigger plants' responses, it's unclear whether plant acoustics can influence insect behavior, for example, whether sounds from plants can draw in a suitable pollinator.

The project, "Good Vibes: How do plants recognise and respond to pollinator vibroacoustic signals?" (grant RGP0003/2022), is funded by the Human Frontier Science Program and is a collaborative effort between the University of Turin, I²SysBio in Valencia, and the Centre for Audio, Acoustics and Vibration at the University of Technology Sydney.

Heat and land use: Bees suffer in particular

These threats have long been known. It is less well-known how these global change drivers interact and how their effects can become even more severe. For example, insects deprived of their natural habitat could be even more affected by higher temperatures in a new environment.

The study shows that insects from different trophic levels react differently to higher temperatures and more intensive land use. Bees were particularly affected. While populations in forests coped well with the heat, their urban relatives had their numbers reduced by 65 percent.

Three key findings

The researchers summarize their findings in three key points:

Warmer daytime temperatures lead to a higher number and diversity of bees, but only in forests and grasslands, the most natural habitats. Therefore, preserving and creating interconnected natural habitats within agricultural and urban areas is very important.

Higher night temperatures lead to lower bee richness across all studied habitat types. "This previously unknown negative effect of warmer nights on insects reveals a new threat that requires further research to uncover the underlying physiological mechanisms," explains Steffan-Dewenter.

The JMU study was funded by the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts and carried out in cooperation with the Technical University of Munich, the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences, and the University of Bayreuth.

Bees are facing new threats, putting our survival and theirs at risk

The report from Bee: Wild, a new science-led global campaign to save pollinators, identifies the top 12 emerging threats that could accelerate pollinator losses within the next 5-15 years, according to ten of the world's leading experts. It also outlines steps to protect them and reverse the decline.

Pollinators like bees, butterflies, some birds, and bats are vital to nature and our food supply. They depend on almost 90% of flowering plants and over three-quarters of the world's staple crops. But habitat loss, pesticides, climate change, and invasive species have caused their severe decline, including the extinction of some bee species.

According to the report 'Emerging Threats and Opportunities for Conservation of Global Pollinators,' a wave of new threats is adding further pressure.

These include:

- War and conflict, such as the war in Ukraine, force countries to grow fewer crop types and leave pollinators without diverse food throughout the season.
- Microplastic particles are contaminating beehives across Europe. Testing from 315 honey bee colonies revealed synthetic materials like PET plastic in most hives.
- Artificial light at night reduces flower visits by nocturnal pollinators by 62% and inhibits the crucial role of moths and night insects in pollination.
- Antibiotic pollution can potentially contaminate beehives and honey and affect pollinator behavior, such as reducing their foraging and visits to flowers.
- Air pollution is affecting their survival, reproduction, and growth.
- Pesticide cocktails weaken pollinators who increasingly face a dangerous mix of pesticides, particularly in developing countries.
- More frequent and larger wildfires are destroying habitats and making recovery more complicated.

These steps are among the 12 that the report outlines for pollinator protection. Ranked in order of novelty and impact, the top five are:

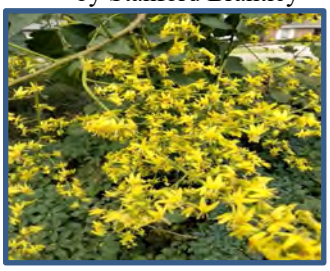
1. Stronger laws limiting antibiotic pollution that harms bee health
2. Transitioning to electric vehicles to reduce air pollution affecting pollinators
3. Breeding crops with enhanced pollen and nectar for better pollinator nutrition
4. Creating flower-rich habitats within solar parks
5. Developing RNAi-based (Ribonucleic acid) treatments that target pests without harming beneficial insects.

Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Board Member of the nature conservation organization Re: wild -- which is behind the Bee: wild campaign

Phil

Practical Experiences in the Bee Yard

by Stanford Brantley



Golden Rain Tree

I have a large Golden Rain Tree in my yard. Each year it produces a large display of beautiful yellow blossoms that my bees love.

The spring nectar flow in East Texas usually ends by early JULY. Temperatures start climbing toward the upper 90s and rains tend to diminish. Most of our nectar producing plants have finished blooming for the hot and dry season ahead. There will be areas of Horsemint blooming in random locations but may produce little nectar for the bees to store any finished honey for your use.

Be sure your bees have access to water as we move into the hotter months. If no natural source is close by, be sure to provide one that you can keep filled. Bees will use much more water to help cool the hive during the hot summer. You can assist by increasing the air flow through the hive. Lift the Outer Cover and let the front edge rest on the edge of the Inner Cover. This tilts the Outer Cover toward the back of the hive, allowing rain to run off the back side and not flood into the landing board opening.

The Fourth of July was always my time to extract the honey my bees had stored, capped and were not waiting for me to remove it from the hive. If you only want to do one extraction, you may wish to wait until early September, just before the Goldenrod begins to bloom. You can do one extraction then let the bees store the Goldenrod flow for their winter stores.

As you go about the bee yard removing supers of capped honey, be mindful the nectar flow is over. The scent of raw honey is a signal for the strong colonies to rob from the weak ones. Installing the entrance reducer helps prevent robbing. I try to make sure the entrance reducer is stored somewhere handy to the hive so I do not have to make another trip home and back to the hive to install it. You know how easy it is to put off that second trip and just wait until you come back a few days later. Waiting a few days may give the bees time to rob out that weak hive. One solution is to have the entrance reducer stored in the hive support blocks or bench. If the hive is supported by concrete blocks, I just store the entrance reducer in one of the holes of a concrete block. If you have wood or metal benches, try to find a way to attach the reducer to the bench for handy storage.

Be cautious about dripping honey from supers you remove from the hive for extraction. The dripped honey not only encourages robbing in the bee yard but also makes a mess inside your vehicle. Shortly after I began keeping bees, I had four metal drip pans made to put under supers. You can build the same thing from wood. Keep them as light as possible because the super full of honey is already going to be heavy. Use quarter or half inch plywood for the bottoms and 1x2 or 1x3 for the sides. Cut your plywood so the finished inside is about a half inch larger than the super. Caulking the joints and a good coat of paint will prevent leaks and make cleanup easier.

After extracting, return the wet supers to the hive for the bees to clean. I always try to do this late in the day. The smell of dripped honey will sometimes create a large crowd of bees wanting to “lick up” the spilled honey. Returning the wet supers late in the day allows the honey smell to dissipate overnight and all should be good by morning.

You may wish to let the wet supers be robbed clean of all honey before putting them back on the hives. If so, do not stack them just outside the honey house door. Put them in an area way from regular human traffic to reduce the possibility of someone being stung by the bees attracted to the supers.

If you are planning on starting new colonies this late in the season, try to find a mated queen for the new hive. I notice that some bee suppliers are advertising queens for sale through September. Now that the nectar flow is ending, there may not be enough drones in a hive to ensure successful mating of a virgin queen.

Stanford

Interim Membership Director Appointed



Judee Brinley - Membership Director

Hello WCABA family!

My name is Judee Brinley, and I'm excited to be stepping into the role of Membership Director, following in the footsteps of the wonderful Shirley Doggett. Shirley and her husband Chris have given so much to our club over the years, and I'm grateful for her guidance as I've been learning the ropes over the last couple of months.

I'm new to beekeeping as of February 2024, joining the club before I even had bees of my own. My husband and I got started with beekeeping to continue the agricultural exemption on our 10 acres in north Georgetown—but what really drew me in was discovering how intoxicating, fun, challenging, and humbling beekeeping can be. We started with nine hives (all still alive—an accomplishment I'm very proud of!) and have now grown to 42 hives as we work toward becoming Master Beekeepers.

A little more about me: I'm a registered nurse, married with three grown sons. Outside of bees, I love meeting new people, and this role is a perfect way to do just that—welcoming new members and guests to the club. I'm passionate about helping new beekeepers learn and get excited about this incredible craft, just as I've been inspired by WCABA's monthly meetings and newsletter.

Chris has been Shirley's steadfast support, and my husband will be right there helping me, too. Funny enough, while I might struggle a bit to remember everyone's name at first, Dusty is a retired teacher and is amazing at it—so feel free to challenge him!

I'd love for you to introduce yourself, so we can get to know each other better. I'm honored to serve as Membership Director and look forward to supporting our club and its members for years to come.

See you at the next meeting!

Judee

2025 Scholarship Recipients Successfully Extract Honey

by Jimmie Oakley – Scholarship Chair

Each year in the scholarship bee yard a different set of circumstances present themselves to determine what you will do when it comes to extracting honey. This year it appeared to be not enough rain early and almost too much rain late. It was the dryness early on that stunted the Indian Blanket honey flow and the late rains that effected the curing of the Horse Mint honey that came in later.

When it came time for the scholarship recipients to check resources it was determined that there was honey to extract, but a lot was not ready to pull because it was not yet capped, meaning it was cured.

On Tuesday, July 1st, current recipients Anna French and Liam Bierschenk gathered at the Bost Farm to pull honey from their hives to extract for the first time in their beekeeping experience. By doing a complete inventory of the hive resources (bees, brood, pollen and honey) it was determined that there was honey to extract, but a lot was not ready to pull because it was not yet capped, meaning it was cured. By being selective they were able to pull nine frames that were capped and ready to be extracted.



Liam pulls a beautiful frame of honey



Anna has capped frame of honey also



Liam and Anna collect nine frames to be extracted

With honey frames in hand, they moved to the Bost Honey House to set up the equipment to spin out what they had been harvested. The club's three frame hand powered extractor is used for this purpose. Uncapping the frames with a long seriated breadknife keeps the operation simple and proves to be very effective.



Anna cuts off wax cappings into two part tub



Liam's cut reveals beautiful yellow honey



Liam places frames into the extractor

Uncapped frames go into the hand cranked extractor to spin out the bright yellow spring honey to the glee of all involved. The extractor is drained into the stainless steel stanning baskets between each set of three frames as the honey is processed through a double sieve. This catches the wax and any other debris that comes out of the extractor, and with one more strain through nylon the raw honey is ready to bottle.



Frames are manually turned each time



Open the gate, time to see what we got



Pretty honey makes everyone happy



Honey is poured up for the last strain before bottling



These youngsters have done well and getting that first year honey crop is a great thrill for them. Congratulations to them on that.
Jimmie Oakley Scholarship Chair



Bottling the fresh honey is the last step in the process



The first extracting of honey for these scholarships recipients is a great success and everyone is all smiles!

Extracting Honey – A Family Affair

by Annabelle Su- 2023 Scholarship Recipient



Annabelle Su

I hear the familiar drone of the disgruntled bees, feel the wooden frame of honey sliding between my fingers, smell the heavy smoke in the air, and see the lush fields that are covered in gorgeous blooms that flavor the honey.

I am standing at the Bost Farm where something special happens every year, the honey extraction. It is so much more than just a process; it is an experience.

As my mom, my teacher, and I walk in from the hives to the building, I see my siblings pull up in my brother's car. At first, they are afraid to come out because of the bees, but when they finally do, we begin at last.



Tower of Honey

The day passes in a flurry of activity. Everyone is kept busy removing wax capping's, scraping frames, loading frames into the extractor, pouring honey, and watching the satisfying golden stream make its way into the bottles, sweating all the while.

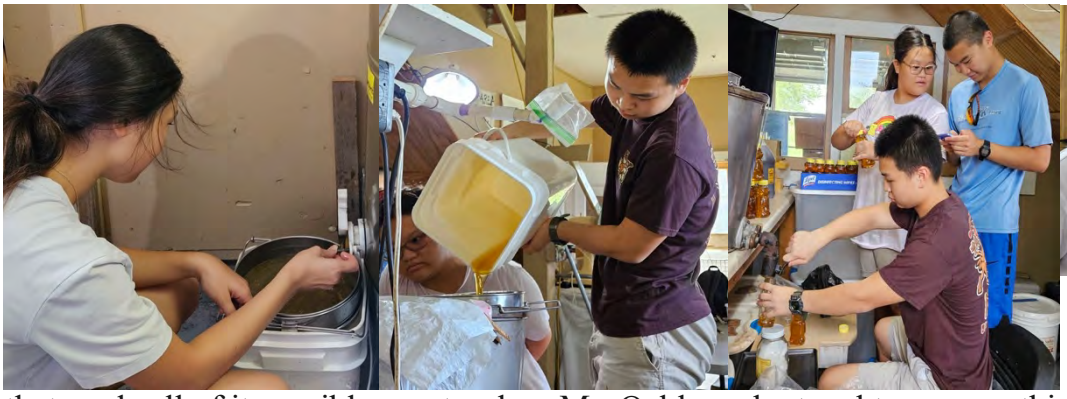
Between all of it, we find time to pop a glob of wax capping's into our mouths. When bitten into, a flood of warm sweet honey fills our mouth. Sticky, but delightful. With everyone helping, we are soon done. My sister made a stack of honey-bears, two feet tall!



This whole experience affected people in different ways. Just standing by and watching us work made my mom so very happy. She loved every bit of it and would absolutely do it again!

My sister was a great helper and had a blast at the same time. Meanwhile, my brother was relieved when we finished. He had never extracted before, and it felt hard for him. He still can't choose which part he enjoyed the most!

When I stood there and watched the stack of honey bears mount higher and higher, though tired, I felt pleased. I thought, "that's the good stuff".





Annabelle & Jimmie

There was one more person there that made all of it possible, my teacher, Mr. Oakley who taught me everything I know about beekeeping. A huge thank you to you for being one of the best teachers around! Everything's amazing, and I can't wait to enjoy all that good honey.

Annabelle

A Sweet Day at the Bost Bee Honey House

by Judee Brinley – Membership Director

Many members of the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association (WCABA) know the deep roots that Bost Farms and Mary Bost have in our club's history. In recent newsletters, Jimmie Oakley and others have shared wonderful stories about Mary, the farmhouse, and the Honey House, reminding us how Bost Farms shaped the club we love today. For newer members, it's important to know: Bost Farms isn't just a name—it's where the club's spirit of teaching and sharing first took flight.



Judee holds a beautiful frame of her honey that is ready to be extracted

Recently, I had the chance to experience that spirit firsthand. As club members, we can borrow extracting equipment, which is a real gift—buying even a small manual extractor setup can cost hundreds of dollars, and most of us only use it once a year. So, I reached out to longtime member and past president Jimmie Oakley to arrange borrowing the club's three-frame manual extractor.

When I arrived to pick it up, I found Jimmie giving a short honey lesson to a group from the development company that purchased Bost Farms. He even let them bottle their own honey to take home. It was a lovely moment—watching new people discover the magic of honey—and a perfect reminder of how special this place is.

After the group left, Jimmie made a quick assessment of the amount of honey I was planning to extract and kindly suggested an alternative: instead of spending my whole weekend hand-cranking frames (and probably ending up with sore arms), why not come the next morning and use the Bost Bee Honey House? He offered to teach my husband, my best friend, and me how to extract honey properly. Did I mention this is only our second year of beekeeping? I was thrilled—and quick to accept.

Jimmie told me to pack a lunch, hinting there would be real work ahead, and that once we got started, we wouldn't be running into town for food. So, the next morning, we arrived bright-eyed with our medium honey supers and all the excitement you can imagine.



Dusty uses serrated knife to cut wax cappings



Judee punch holes in cappings with roller



Judee loads honey frames into extractor

Inside the Honey House, Jimmie walked us through the process step by step. It made sense on paper but watching it in action was something else. We worked as a team: uncapping wax from the frames (I needed a few reminders to follow the wood frame and to do both sides!), loading the extractor—which holds twelve medium frames—and spinning out the honey.

The first time I opened the honey gate and saw that golden stream pouring out, I was completely hooked. I've always said that I love keeping bees and the honey is just a bonus—but in that moment, I truly saw the reward of both the bees' hard work and ours.



Speechless, Judee opens honey gate

Of course, there were a few "oops" moments. More than once, I forgot to close the honey gate before spinning the next load, and the honey started pouring out early. Each time, Jimmie just smiled and gave me a look—not scolding, just patient amusement. That gentle humor made the day even sweeter.

After double-straining the honey from the extractor to a bucket, and then running it through a fine strainer into the bottling tank, we paused for lunch. Jimmie set up a table so we could eat right there among the tools, jars, and history of the Honey House. As I looked around, I felt lucky to be in this place before it changes forever. The walls held decades of articles, photos, and little handwritten notes. One that stood out was a simple "17.8" written by the door in marker—a reminder of the target moisture content for honey. Even though Jimmie surely knows that number by heart, each time we checked the refractometer, he'd glance at the writing on the wall. That small ritual spoke volumes about tradition and care.



Dusty pours honey through nylon strainer



From strainer bucket to bottling tank



Hattie, Judee, and Dusty form bottle assembly line

Throughout the day, Jimmie shared stories: of his early days in commercial beekeeping, of meeting the Bost family, and of the beginnings of WCABA. We met *Buster* the cat, saw the spot where the farmhouse had stood, and soaked in every bit of the Honey House's atmosphere.

By day's end, we'd bottled almost 200 pounds of honey—a surprising and deeply satisfying harvest. Before we loaded up to leave, we snapped a photo in front of the Honey House to remember the day.

It was, without question, one of my favorite beekeeping days—and not even in the bee yard! I left with full jars of honey and an even fuller heart, grateful to Jimmie for sharing his time, knowledge, and kindness, and to Robert and Mary Bost, whose vision built a space where new beekeepers could learn and connect.

As Bost Farms moves into a new chapter, I feel honored to have been part of its story, even for just a day.

Judee

More Pics from Sweet Day at Bost Honey House



Dusty uncaps more frames



Judee assures all honey cells are scratched



Everyone is watching honey spin out, wow!



More honey to be poured up



Teamwork gets every last drop



Now time to bottle all that honey. Yea!



Bottling all Done!! Dusty, Judee and son Adam Brinley



Traditional Honey House Pic: Dusty, Judee, Adam & Hattie Olson.

“Queenless”



by Sean O’Neil

It started as a flicker.
A faint unease in the wax. A restlessness in the air.
No scent. No order. No voice.

The Queen was gone.

Not dead before their eyes… just absent.
Vanished between one heartbeat and the next.
No body to bury.
No final decree.

The pheromone trail thinned.
The nurses hesitated at the brood. The fanners slowed their wings in confusion.
The dances turned frantic; no direction, no nectar, no point.

She is gone.
Not whispered. Not said.
Known.

They circled the comb in confusion, then in panic.
Then… ritual.

There were still eggs. A few.
Too old, maybe. But there were no better answers.

They chose one.
Or many. They could no longer agree.
Cells were widened. Larvae drowned in royal jelly meant to transform, to *anoint*.

But the hive pulsed with doubt.

Some bees abandoned flight entirely.
What was the sky without her?

Time slowed. The wax grew hard with grief.
They cleaned, they waited, they whispered of lost royalty.

When the first cell cracked open, the hive did not cheer.
They watched.
Silent. Guarded.

She emerged; wet, thin, trembling.
The shape of a queen. The scent not quite right.

Some bowed. Some bristled.

And deep in the dark, beneath layers of wax and memory,
the hive wondered if it had survived
or merely continued.

Membership Report: Judee Brinley

July 2025



Judee Brinley - Membership

New Members

Renewing Members

John English Georgetown

***New members**- please remember that Texas Beekeepers Association still gives one-year free membership to those people that are new to beekeeping. Let me know if you are interested in this.

Judee

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Dues $20.00 per year - individual or $25.00 - family membership

New Member / Renewing Member

(circle one)

Date:_____

Name:_____ Amount: $ _____

Address:_____

City/State/Zip:_____

Phone: ( )_____e-mail:_____(please print)

To save postage cost may we send your Newsletter via e-mail? Yes [ ] No[ ]

Instructions: print, fill out, and bring to club meeting , or mail with check to:

Judee Brinley - Membership - 50100 Flintrock Drive Georgetown. TX 78626

Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association

Treasurer's Report - As of July 17, 2025

Profit and Loss

ACCOUNTS	Year to Date
Income	
Program Income - Bee Procurement (2025)	$58,620.00
Program Income - Membership Dues	$3,000.00
Program Income - Scholarship Program	$20.00
Total Income	$61,640.00
Cost of Goods Sold	
Bee Procurement Program Nucs	$48,900.00
Total Cost of Goods Sold	$48,900.00
Gross Profit	$12,740.00
Operating Expenses	
Bank Charges	$25.00
Dues	$50.00
Insurance	$1,873.00
Meeting Supplies and Refreshments	$369.72
Permits	$206.26
Speaker Fees	$200.00
Travel Expenses	$709.00
Website and Zoom	$280.51
Total Operating Expenses	$3,713.49
Net Profit	$9,026.51

Balance Sheet

ACCOUNTS	As of July 17, 2025
Assets	
Total Cash and Bank	$60,032.41
Total Assets	$60,032.41
Liabilities	
Bee Purchase Commitment	$0.00
Total Liabilities	$0.00
Assets & Liabilities	$60,032.41
Equity	
Retained Earnings - Prior Years	$51,035.90
Retained Earnings - Current Year	$9,026.51
Total Equity	$60,062.41

Bee Procurement Program - 2025

Income	
Program Income - Bee Procurement	$60,062.41
Cost of Goods Sold	
Bees	$48,900.00
Gross Profit	$11,162.41
Expenses	
Permit	$206.26
Travel Expenses	$709.00
Total Expenses	$915.26
Net Profit	$10,247.15

Notes (as of January 31, 2025):

Merrimack Purchase 300 Nucs $43,500.00

- Merrimack Commitment = $52,500
- Less Volume and in-person pick-up discount = $9,000
- Net Merrimack Amount = $43,500

Williamson County Beekeeping Association Minutes, May 2025

Attending: Phil Ainslie, Shannon Montez, Shirley Doggett, Sean O'Neal, Barbi Rose, Matt Ludlum, Ken Browning

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and the minutes of March 25, 2025, were approved.
- Treasurer's report:
- Barbi Rose reported that we have approximately $67,000 in the club account.
    - Barbi reported that the 501 (c) (3) is still being worked on. The staff reductions at the IRS may impact the approval.
- Program report:
    - May: Randy Oakley will give a presentation on splits.
      June: Sean O'Neal will facilitate the Round-Robin discussions. He will review his notes from last year's Round-Robin and make some adjustments to improve the program.
- Membership Report: Shirley Doggett reported that our membership currently stands at 179, and our last meeting had 60 attendees.
    - Shirley mentioned that she plans to step down as membership chair.
- Annual donations: Tabled until the next meeting.
- Web page: Sean O'Neal gave a brief presentation on how authorized users can add to or make changes to the website.