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# Beekeepers of Volusia County Florida

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Newsletter, July 2015

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## New Format

We are experimenting with a new format for the Newsletter. Items you may have seen here in the past such as the Beekeeper Calendar, Classifieds and suppliers can be found at our website [www.VoulsiaBeekeepers.org](http://www.VoulsiaBeekeepers.org)

Please send any comments or suggestions to [thoman@cfl.rr.com](mailto:thoman@cfl.rr.com) or [ndruckert@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ndruckert@cfl.rr.com) with the Subject line of 'Club Newsletter'

## Club Logo apparel

Mike Hays will not be attending the July 24th meeting so anyone wishing to obtain their club logo apparel before the August meeting should contact Mike Hays. Mike's contact information can be found under Club Officers

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## Events of Interest to Beekeepers

### Volusia County Beekeepers Meeting

July 22, 2015, Fourth Wednesday  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
Volusia County Fairgrounds

August 26, 2015, Fourth Wednesday  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
Volusia County Fairgrounds

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# Beekeepers of Volusia County, Florida

## Meeting Agenda July 22, 2015

Call to order and welcome  
Marlin Athearn, VP

Welcome new members

Approve June 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report—Ron Kull

Old Business:

1. Bee club inventory
2. Foot locker storage
3. Ag Center Club Hives

New Business:

1. Top Bar Hives
2. Bees wax lotion—Donna
3. Volusia County Fair

Refreshments & Social Interaction

Club Logo Apparel

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Open Forum/Beekeeping Questions

Adjourn

**Beekeepers of Volusia County Club Meeting**  
**Minutes of 06/24/15**

Called to order by Mike Hays, president @ 6:30pm. Mike used the new PA system.

43 in attendance.

Those new to the Beekeepers of Volusia County Club meetings introduced themselves.

The need of compiling an inventory of Club property was discussed. Mike will ask the Extension Services about putting a locker in the club meeting room to store club property. Contact Mike if you'd like to help.

There was a discussion of whether the Club should supply and/or manage a hive at the Volusia County Agricultural Center. Mike will take the suggestions from the meeting to the Extension Service & discuss the options.

Mike showed his hat & shirt embroidered with the Beekeepers of Volusia County Club logo on them. Contact Mike to order a shirt or hat with the embroidered Club logo.

Larry Hirt demonstrated a catch-all he made out of a nuk box. It stores the items he uses when tending his bee yard. He also showed a three frame exhibition hive he made. If members would like to borrow the hive for demonstrations, contact Larry.

Processing honey & how to get the bees off the frames were discussed.

Attendees asked questions & members shared their experience & gave suggestions & recommendations.

It was agreed that the break/snack time is a success. Volunteer to supply the snacks at an upcoming meeting. One member recommended to bring the snack during your birthday month.

The next Club meeting is Wed 07/22/15 @ 6:30pm. Marlin Athearn will conduct the meeting.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

Submitted Donna Balo, secretary

# **Beekeeping DVD Library**

**Swarm Boxes**

**Requeening & Colony Division**

**Free Bees for you**

**The Magic of Mead**

**Bee Removal**

**Keeping Bees & Producing Honey**

**Introduction to Beekeeping**

**Beekeeping Classes, 101, 102, 103**

**Contact the Club Secretary, Donna Balo, 386-738-1954 for details**