



General Membership Meeting MINUTES

April 11, 2014

6:30 PM

Monmouth County Agriculture Building

1. 6:30-7:20 Light Refreshments.
 - 50/50 is available- please see Ed Kosenski
2. Sign-in – please see Laura - (signing in gives you a chance to win door prizes!). Please renew membership with Curtis
3. 7:30 Pledge of Alliance, Moment of Silence
4. New Members
 - Matt, South Plainfield
 - Tracy, Wall/Belmar
 - Mika and daughter Reanna, Manchester
5. Secretary Report- *Motion #1 to accept the minutes from the last CJBA meeting in Feb. 2014.* Laura Petrovich-Cheney presents, George Sereduk seconds; passes.
6. Speaker: Jeremy Barnes
7. Treasurer's Report- Reminder to renew.

Old Business:

- Winter Loss online state and national survey. Please complete the winter survey on line by April 26, 2014.
- Update on the *Beekeeping Fundamentals* – Geff, Len, and Ed will form a sub committee. This packet will be prepared for new beekeepers. Liked the idea of providing a Sugar Roll Kit (mason jar with screen and powdered sugar) as new member gift packet.
- Hive 1 Workshop: April 13.
- Hive 2 Workshop: April 13.
- Beer Making workshop- August- The Brewer's Apprentice
 - Who might be interested? There will be 12 spots available for about \$100 for 6 twenty-two oz. bottles. Dates are Aug. 3 and Aug. 17 @ 10 am. *This has been canceled because of the cost and low interest in the workshop. However, we suggest that you still can attend The Brewer's Apprentice shop on your own.*

New Business

- **2014 County Fair – July 23-27**
 - Please consider volunteering talk to George Sereduk
 - **"BEE A HERO"** and give at least 3.5-4 hours.
 - This is our primary fundraising for the club and the profits provide quality speakers and off set the cost of the holiday party.
- We're hosting the **October State Meeting - October 18** at the Rutgers Eco Building.
 - Ed Kosenski secured Keith Delaplaine as the keynote
 - Food Committee- Cheri Klinker and Barbara Ricci – please see them to help volunteer
 - We're going to need volunteers!
 - Registration opens late summer

- 150-170 is the max amount of people that the ECO Center/Rutgers can hold. We recommend that you register early.
- There will be more vendors this year.
- **Medication Program** – please see Ken Preteroti
 - We encourage you to purchase a treatment program to your bees healthy.
 - There was some concern about older medication and the disposal of that older medication= read the label and/or call the manufacturer for assistance.
- **2015 CJBA** will offer its own short course in beekeeping! Stay tuned for details!
- **Swarm list on the website:** You must be a current member. Geff is developing a new program that will streamline the call list, provide feedback and reviews.
- **Elections** will be held in November. See Len Klinker is you are interested in:
 - Secretary
 - Third Vice President
 - Second Vice President
 - President
 - ANYONE can run for any of the positions on the board.

6. **Angelo Trapani is running for the President of the State Board of Agriculture.** The election is in November. Please show him your support by contacting your local senator to vote for him.

7. **Jeff Burd reminded everyone about the EAS Conference** (<http://www.easternapiculture.org>) - July 28 - August 1, 2014 in Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.

8. 50/50 and Door Prizes

9. Closing- 8:45.

Next meetings:

June 27- Walt Wilson

Sept. 12 – Dave Hackenberg

Nov. 14- Elections. **We are asking you to please bring a dessert made with honey for this meeting – there will be coffee and tea but NO light refreshments.**

Dec. 7 – Christmas Party, American Hotel, Freehold.