



## **General Membership Meeting Notes**

### **Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2015**

### **Monmouth County Agriculture Building**

1. 6:30 – 7:30 Light Refreshments
2. 7:30 Presentation by Tim Schuler
3. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence
4. Reminder that all meeting notes are posted to the website
5. Welcome new members and guests!

**Thank you to Tim for another excellent presentation!** Tim Schuler spoke about overwintering hives, IPM, Data collected by Bee Informed Partnership and his upcoming trip to Malawi.

#### **President's report – Petronio Zalamea**

- Motion to approve minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> membership meeting presented and motion was seconded.
- There have been a number of requests from the community for Honeybee related speakers and programs. Susan will continue to send the information out via Mail Chimp for anyone interested

**First VP report – Sal Bernardo – Membership –** We have 14 new members at the meeting tonight, 174 paid members and 90 to renew.

**Second VP report – Gene Armstrong – Monmouth County Fair July 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26th** Vendors interested in selling product at the Fair please contact Gene.

**Third VP report – Bill Malloy**

**Secretary's report – Susan Brandauer –** Please like us on Facebook and look for updates and information via Mail Chimp emails and robo calls

**Treasurer's report – Curtis Crowell –** There is currently \$8276.00 in the bank.

#### **Committee News**

Christmas Party Reservation– Cheri confirmed the reservation for January 17, 2016 at the American Hotel in Freehold

#### **Old Business**

- Western Hive - The western hive has been moved to Sandy Acres and the club is currently looking for members to put together workshops there. Curtis will prepare information and give to Susan to send out to the membership regarding the future workshops
- Workshops – The next workshop is on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Hive inspection/sugar roll/drone comb. Held at Hive 1 in Neptune. Anyone interested please contact Pete Cheney.
- Boy Scouts – Dennis Rittenhous – Form have been submitted to reinstate the beekeeping badge. There will be more information by the next meeting in June.

## **New Business**

- **Malawi Trip** – Ann Trapani made a motion to support Tim and his team on their trip to Malawi and Jeff Burd seconded. The proposed donation is \$300.00
- **Pending NJ Beekeeping Bills** - Mary offered some news on the two Beekeeping Bills pending approval in NJ. There are two pending bills to assist the state's commercial beekeeping industry. Bill S1328 extends Right to Farm Act protections to commercial beekeepers with some restrictions. Bill S1975 establishes exclusive state regulatory authority over apiary activities and allows for delegation of monitoring and enforcement authority to municipalities. Senator Beck will be added as a Co-Sponsor to both Bills and then will send a letter asking for an update to the Senate Economic Growth Committee Chairman.
- **State Meeting** - The Northwest Branch will be hosting the session on Jun 6<sup>th</sup> and is pleased to have featured speaker Dr. David Tarpy, Professor and Extension Apiculturist at the Department of Entomology, NC State University. The meeting will be hosted at the Fellowship Deaconry, 3575 Valley Road, Liberty Corner NJ. (Note: Use Basking Ridge as the town for your GPS).
- **Picnic and Auction** – Our annual Picnic and Auction will be held on 8/22/15 at Bob Hughes house.
- **EAS** - To be held August 10-14, 2015 University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Door prizes

**Thank you for attending!**

Our next meeting is June 26<sup>th</sup>.