



Membership Meeting Notes

February 5th, 2016

Monmouth County Agriculture Building – 6:30

6:30-7:30 - Refreshments and 50/50 sales

7:30pm – Speaker Suzanne Brouillette cancelled due to the weather.

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence

New Business

Gene Armstrong reviewed the Membership Meeting dates and the Workshop dates with the club. He also went over the dates for the Monmouth County Fair and EAS.

Meeting Dates - for 2016 are April 24th, (Sunday Picnic/Workshop) June 17th, September 23rd, November 18th

Workshops

- March 13th - Woodenware
- April 24th - Picnic
- May 15th - Drone Comb
- June 5th – Swarm Prevention
- July 17th – Honey Extraction
- September 11th – Winter Hive Prep
- November 6th – Candle Making

Monmouth County Fair – July 27th to July 31st

EAS – Will be held at Stockton University this year July 25th – July 29th

Susan Brandauer went over the winter meeting dates and advised that to Brushy Mountain is offering a 10% discount for pre orders to be delivered at the meeting. She also reminded everyone that the Honey Show display will be at the State house.

NJBA Winter Meeting – 2/13/16 at the Nottingham Volunteer Fire Company. Mann Lake and Brushy Mountain will be there. If you order before the meeting it will be delivered there.

Honey Show – Good luck to everyone who entered in this year's Honey Show! Entries will be displayed in the State House in Trenton February 8th to the 12th.

Extractor – The club will need a volunteer to house one of the extractors that we lend to the membership. Paul Reese from Manalapan has volunteered to hold the extractor at his home.

Annual Dues – Dues have increased to \$25 per year per family. Curtis Crowell went over the various ways that the dues are used for the club.

Membership – Sal Bernardo requested all new members stand up and introduce themselves.

Following the New Business announcements Gene went over “What to do now” with the hives.

- Check your hives to be sure the bees have enough food. Lift the back to see if they are still heavy and feed if needed with sugar, fondant or candy boards/blocks. It's too early to feed sugar water.
- Pop the cover on a warmer day to check the size of your clusters.
- Can begin to feed sugar water early April to build the colony for splits.
- Order your bees and equipment now.
- Treatment is now recommended 2x per year by Tim Schuler. Use sugar roll or Alcohol wash to check for mites and at the very least treat mid- summer – July/August.
- Remember to check your mite count after you treat to make sure the treatment was successful.

Bill Malloy then gave a demonstration on the Brushy Mountain observation hive and Educational materials. He offered to lend them out to the membership. Thank you Bill!

Door Prizes and 50/50

Thank you for attending! Our next meeting will be a Sunday Workshop/Picnic on April 24th.

50/50 and Door Prizes