



General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2021 (ZOOM Meeting)

7:00 pm - Networking

1. Moment of silence for Police Officer Brian Sicknick, youngest brother of CJBA member, Craig Sicknick.
2. Minutes: Approval – No corrections noted. Bill Malloy moved to approve the minutes and Peter Van Mater seconded. Geff Vitale thanked Peter for helping student Katie Culbert with her project.
3. Treasurer's Report: CJBA has approximately \$11,320.00 in the account. Due to the virus, there has been no activity/costs. A formal Treasurer's Report was not presented.
4. Tentative schedule of CJBA '21 Events:

All meetings and events are currently postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will continue with ZOOM Meetings until further notice.

Planning will continue in anticipation of the restrictions being lifted but scheduling may change the event date or method of delivery.

March: General Membership Meeting, TBA

May: CJBA Family Bee Day Picnic

June: General Membership Meeting, TBA

July: Monmouth County Fair

September: General Membership Meeting, TBA

Sunday, October TBA, Thompson Park Day 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

November: General Membership Meeting and Elections

5. Update on Short Bee Course: Several associations are scheduling Short Bee courses (see NJBA website). Since the Monmouth County Agriculture Building is closed until further notice, CJBA will coordinate the hands on

portion of the bee course with Jeff Burd (in Ewing Township). Plans include a hybrid course taken online from an approved list of colleges in local surrounding states or the virtual course offered by another association. The participant will receive a certificate of completion as a prerequisite and arrange hands on time with Jeff Burd. Possible courses from Delaware and Penn State will be considered. The general duration of the online bee course is 9-12 hours.

6. Mentoring: In order to sustain a mentoring program, a volunteer is needed to take responsibility.

7. NJBA Updates:

- a. The Honey Show will have a different format this year. It will be held on January 26-28th with judging taking place on January 27th. The Honey Show will take place in a firehouse in Parsippany. Tim Schuler and Meghan McConnell will assist.
 - b. A Virtual “Beekeeper Session” with the UK will be held on Saturday, February 27th from 9:00 – 12:00. Several NJBA members will be making presentations.
 - c. The next State Meeting will be March 2nd. James Ellis will be presenting “Swarm Biology”.
 - d. “A Year in New Jersey Beekeeping 2021” calendar is now available. You can order it from the NJBA website.
 - e. Our State Apiarist, Meghan McConnell, reports no issues but encourages all beekeepers to register their hives. This will ensure that you are notified of any diseases in your area and also provides protection from the state in case your beekeeping activities are challenged.
 - f. If you are selling bees, please contact Meghan McConnell to make an appointment for inspection.
8. Election Issue: At our November 2020 meeting, the name of a member interested in running for President was inadvertently not announced and therefore, did not have the opportunity to run for office. This member was not able to attend the November meeting. In order to rectify this, the EBoard met and decided to ask the membership at the January 14th meeting, if they would like to hold a special election in February for the office of President. After a discussion, at the January 14th General Membership Meeting, it was agreed that the newly elected Officers would remain and

anyone interested in running for President or another open EBoard position, can do so at the next November General Membership Meeting.

9. EBoard Election Results: The elected Central Jersey Beekeepers Association's Officers for 2021 are as follows:
- President: Geff Vitale (2 year term)
 - 1st VP: Virginia Pauls (2 year term) - Virginia was appointed after the meeting.) Responsible for Welcome Packets and Membership
 - 2nd VP: To be appointed (2 year term) Responsible for education and outreach
 - 3rd VP: To be appointed (2 year term) Facilities Coordinator
 - Treasurer: Pat Evans (No term limit)
 - Secretary: Angela Juffey (No term limit)
- Fair Chair: Geff Vitale
 - Facebook Coordinator: Danielle Garske
 - Newsletter Editor: Angelo Trapani

Note: Executive Board tasks can be shared. If you are interested in Executive Board positions, please reach out to Geff Vitale.
(geff.vitale@gmail.com)

10. Education Segment: During the General Membership Meetings there will be a short education segment. No certificates will be issued. The segment for the January 14th meeting included a short video entitled "Beekeeping 1". This video addressed proper hive location, water sources, hive registration and woodenware (building frames and boxes).

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Devine and seconded by Bill Malloy. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM. ZOOM General Membership Meetings will continue until further notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Juffey

CJBA Secretary