



Membership Meeting Agenda  
June 22, 2018  
6:30 pm – Monmouth County Agriculture Building

- Refreshments
- Pledge of Allegiance

**New Business:**

- Presentation of Distinguished Service Award to Angelo and Anna Trapani

After summarizing Angelo and Anna's extensive accomplishments, President Geff Vitale presented them with a unique, plated and mounted hive tool especially designed for them. The membership expressed congratulations and are most appreciative of their continued efforts.



- Bob Hughes: Judging Criteria for the Monmouth County Fair Honey Show

As a honey show judge for many years, Bob prepared some "tips" for members who intend to prepare honey show entries:

Moisture content must be between 15.5% and 18.6%.

Honey is also judged on flavor and aroma. There are 4 divisions within the bracket.

Be sure that your honey is free from suspended particles, pollen and bubbles.

The containers must be clean and the fill lines should be uniform.

The inside of the cap should be free from dirt.

Do not extract more than 25% of honey that is uncapped.

Honey should be extracted on the same day that it is removed from the hive to prevent it from absorbing more moisture from the air.

Wax entries should be smooth – no bumps/cracks or dirt.

Honey frames should have cells filled/no cracks.

- Christina Carlson: Monmouth County Parks ~ Honey Show Entries and Procedures

Christina was unable to attend the meeting but sent forms and brochures. Entries may be dropped off on Sunday 7/22 and Monday 7/23. Pickups will be after the fair on Sunday 7/29 at 5:00 pm or Monday 7/30 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Afterwards you can pick up your entries at the Creative Arts Building at Thompson Park on Tuesday, 7/31 to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Christina may be reached at (732) 842-4000, Ext. 4343. Please bring your receipt when you pick up your entries.

All rules are online.

- Monmouth County Fair
  - Volunteers for shifts - You can volunteer for a shift by filling out the online form. Go to [www.cjba.org](http://www.cjba.org) and click on the link under Monmouth County Fair for volunteers to sign up for a shift.
  - Honey Supplier – Angelo and Anna Trapani will be supplying the honey for the fair in addition to a very generous donation of 100 pounds of honey from Walt Wilson and Family. 550 lbs. of honey was sold at the fair last year.
  - Candles – supplied by Mary Kosenski
  - Hand Cream and Lip Balm – supplied by Angela Juffey
  - New Honey Stick flavors purchased – A variety of 12,000 honey stick flavors will be purchased by Geff and sold for 5/\$1.
  - Observation Hive
  - Improvements: Floor Plan Arrangement, Second Honey Stick display, LED light strip on Honey display shelves
  - Labels for honey – number of grams, “RAW” and our web address will be added to the labels.
  - Brown bags – a member generously donated a supply of brown bags for purchases.

- Introduce New Members
- Picnic Recap

65 adults and 14 children attended the picnic. Gene Armstrong brought a log with bees as well as a hive for the inspection demonstration by Jeff Burd. Eagle Scout Kevin Toler presented his project which included two complete hives to the membership. One hive will be used for workshops and the other was raffled off to the membership. Dennis Rittenhouse made a presentation on the Warre Hives. Curtis Crowell created bamboo mason bee houses with the children. Len Klinker did a talk on swarm control.

- Treasurer’s Report ~ Curtis Crowell: Bank Total: \$7,184.00.
- Extractor Update ~ Ray Pogwist: The two extractors are ready and running. A plywood base is needed to secure the extractor. The top of the extractor should be taped down during transport.

### **Old Business:**

- Newsletter: Articles for next newsletter will be due by mid Aug.
- Mary Kosenski will send out sympathy cards to the families of two recently deceased members.
- CJBA Treasurer and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP positions are available.
- Upcoming meetings: September 21<sup>st</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Suggestions for Speakers
- Membership Kits/New Members

**50/50**

**Door Prizes**