



Membership Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2019

6:30 pm – Monmouth County Agriculture Building

- 6:30pm Refreshments/Networking in the Lunch Room
- 7:25pm Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

- Treasurer's Report ~ Tanya Ptak: Current balance is \$7,465.17. A check for \$750.00 was written to pay for the Odyssey Services Robo Calls. Since we share this service with NJBA, one-half will be reimbursed to our account. The Current balance does not reflect this payment.
- 50/50 Drawing Before Lecture
- Index Cards for Beekeeping Questions: As an effort to make all levels of experienced/nonexperienced beekeepers feel comfortable, index cards were passed out for the members to write their beekeeping questions. This was proposed by member Bob LoPresti. Grant will answer these at the end of his presentation. We hope to continue using the index cards at future general meetings.
- Introduction of New Members: Each new member was given a folder of information prepared by Linda Klink and a shaker jar with instructions for Varroa testing.
- CJBA 2019 List of Upcoming Yearly Events:
 - Monmouth County Fair –July 24 to 28
 - Geff Vitale: Geff will run the event and set up the Observation Booth. CJBA will be selling honey, honey sticks, hand cream, lip balm and candles.
 - Geff will be sending an online volunteer schedule with specified shifts to the membership
 - Geff also explained the Honey Show Entry process and encouraged the membership to enter several classes which include honey, wax, black jar and comb divisions. For a complete explanation of the General Rules and Judging Criteria, go to www.MonmouthCountyFair.com
 - Picnic Auction: Jeff Burd:
 - The annual NJBA Picnic and Auction will take place on Saturday, June 29th at Bob Hughes home. Information regarding registration was sent to the membership.
 - The EAS will be held in Greenville, SC from 7/13 to 7/17.
 - Jeff will be organizing a short Beginner Beekeeping course which will run on Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, October 6th. Details will be coming.
 - Birds, Bugs and Beyond – August 17
 - Angela Juffey will be running this children's event for the Master Gardeners.
 - Membership Meeting – September 20
 - Speaker Frank Licata "Queen Rearing"
 - Thompson Park Day –October
 - Geff Vitale will be running this event at Thompson Park in Lincroft. An online volunteer schedule will be sent to the membership as the date approaches.
 - Membership Meeting – November 22
 - Speaker John Gaut "Winter Prep"
- Reminders:
 - Calendars are available for \$10.00
 - Bill Malloy reminded the membership about the two extractors which are available for use. If they are damaged, please report this before returning. CJBA will repair them but the member who borrowed them is expected to pay for the part damaged. Bill also informed the membership that Hands On Beekeeping Workshops will be organized. One will be located in Ocean (Gene Armstrong) and the other will be located in Cranbury (Sallie Toscano).

- 50/50 drawing
- Grant Stiles “40 Years of Beekeeping”
 - Grant presented “40 Years of Beekeeping” which took us on his beekeeping journey beginning at birth! Along the way, he described the various challenges and pitfalls he and his family faced while building his beekeeping business. During the presentation, Grant interjected information regarding Varroa Mites and effective controls. In 1987 the Mite threshold was 15-20, in 1999 the threshold was 10, in 2015 the threshold was 2-3, and in 2019 the threshold is less than 0 which can only be attained by proactive methods. Grant’s Mite treatment schedule begins in February by treating with Apivar. In April, he treats with Formic Pro. (Temperature is an issue of concern: Temperature must be 70-80 degrees with low humidity for a week, and he states that the treatment may be hard on older bees.) In late September he treats with Oxalic Acid (Dribble). It is important to test before and after treatment to check for effectiveness. Grant’s presentation was informative, entertaining and well received by the membership! Thank you Grant!

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Angela Juffey
CJBA Secretary**