

General Membership Meeting Minutes



Nov 15, 2013, General Meeting
Monmouth County Agriculture building
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Speaker: Michael Bush

Agenda:

○ **Elections**

- Len discussed the voting procedure to vote in the current board members for the 2014 term. Jeff Burd made Motion #1 to vote the current board in with one unanimous vote. Ann Trapani seconds the motion.
- Laura Petrovich-Cheney voted and it was accepted by the membership.

○ **Treasurer's Report**

- Currently, CJBA is the largest club within the state; our financial records show that we have \$10,774. At this time, the announcement of the "Mid-State" club was brought up. There was some discussion that members could be members of both Mid-State and CJBA. A reminder to renew before January was mentioned at this time. Motion #2 to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ann Trapani; seconded by Cheri Klinker; passed by all.

○ **Minutes from September 2013 meeting.**

- Geff Vitale presented the notes for the membership at the meeting; the notes were previously presented for membership review in an e-newsletter (mail chimp).
- Mary Kosenski Motion #3 to accept the minutes; George Sereduk seconded; passed by all.

○ **New Beekeepers Introduction**

- Ray from Morganville; he was introduced to various members in his area for outreach support.

○ **NJBA State Meeting review**

- Peter thanked all the volunteers for their help, support and enthusiasm in the state meeting, which CJBA hosted in October. Tom Selley is also a crowd pleaser. The event was sold out.
- Angelo reported that the NJBA state newsletter published in February with changes to the bi-laws.

○ **Anna Trapani-Christmas Party- Dec. 8 (Sunday) @ 4:00. American Hotel**

- DJ, Cash bar; Raffles; silent auction
- Early Bird Prices: Nov. 1 through Nov. 29:
 - \$24 per person
 - \$12 children (12 years and younger)
- *After Nov. 30, prices will be:*
 - \$29 adults and \$15 children (12 years and younger)
- PayPal: <http://www.njbeekeepers.org/store/>
- See Curtis today; checks should be made out to CJBA

○ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Medication Program and Club Extractors- Survey Results
 - Only 5 responses.
- Winter Loss online state survey will be forthcoming from the state.
 - Tim Schuler was away; results will be published soon.
- Beekeeping Fundamentals.
 - There will be a “911 Response Button” on our website for new beekeepers with contact information starting in the new year
 - If you would like to become mentor, please see Geff, Len or Ed.
- We have a “phone reminder” service. Perfect for beekeeping reminders and weather related updates. Please see Curtis if you need to update your phone number. Thank you Past President Ken for the idea!
- Advanced Hive Workshops – 2 queen hive and new projects to interest more seasoned beekeepers. If you are interested in volunteering, please see George or Gene.
- Hive 1 and Hive 2 workshops will be available for next year. We encourage you attend.

○ **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dates for 2014: handouts available
- Movie Night – More Than Honey
- Election Chair is Len Klinker. We will have several positions (secretary, 2nd and 3rd vice president) open for 2015 please consider nominating yourself or someone else.
- Bi-Laws Committee State Representative for CJBA is Angelo Trapani
- 2014 County Fair: July 23-27. If you are interested in volunteering, please see George
- The 2014 "A Year in New Jersey Beekeeping" calendar
- Mid-State Beekeepers Association is a new branch for members.
 - Reasons why a new branch was opened- travel convenience for certain areas.
 - If you are interested in joining, information will be available on the state website.
 - First association fee is \$20 and secondary association fee is \$8
- Food and Safety. Federal Government is beginning to make changes in the bottling and selling of honey. Registration may be a requirement. Curtis discussed his experience with FDA inspector. Discussion about regulations for commercial, hobbyist; grandfather clauses; laws for beekeeping and honey sales.
- Ed Kosenski discusses NJBA elections; please consider running for state board. Election will be held in February. Elections can be made via email.

NJBA Winter Meeting will be Feb. 8; Jeff Pettis is the speaker. Members are encouraged to attend.

○ **50/50 and Door Prizes**

○ **Closing**

Motion #4 to close the meeting was made by Ann Trapani; seconded by George Sereduk; passed by all. Meeting ended 10:08.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Petrovich-Cheney, secretary.