Membership Meeting Notes

November 18th, 2016
6:30pm- Monmouth Agriculture Building

- Refreshments
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduce new members
- 50/50

New Business

Speakers

- Suzanne Brouillette our speaker for this evening needed to cancel at the last minute.

Elections –

- Len Klinker took the floor and proposed the 2017 Executive Board slate to be Geff Vitale as President, Nicole Wagenblast as 1st VP, Ray Pogwist as 3rd VP, Curtis Crowell as Treasurer and Angela Juffey as Secretary.
- The position of 2nd VP remaining vacant

Treasurer's Report - $7765.90 in the bank

Talk on Oxalic Acid –

- Len Klinker gave the club a very informative talk on the use of Oxalic Acid as a treatment for Varroa Mites. He advised the product has the best effect when the hive is brood less as the product does not penetrate the cells. He also explained how the product is applied using a vaporizer.
- To follow is a link to a Bee Culture article about the product. http://www.beeculture.com/oxalic-acid-effective-easy-on-bees-but/

Old Business

Brood Minders –

- We now have a volunteer to take on the position of Field Manager for the project. Once the criteria is decided for the hives in the experiment we will be looking for members to volunteer a hive to be monitored.
- CJBA was given 5 Broodminder Temperature and Humidity measuring devices that go inside the hive between the brood boxes. The devices store the information until someone uploads it thru their phone to a website. The data can then be analyzed and compared to other hives in our organization and elsewhere. CJBA would like to collect information from 5 hives in specific geographies in central NJ to then mashup and correlate with other information such as hyper-local weather conditions, pollen counts, brood rearing, and anything else we can get data for. The various analyses will be made available to everyone on CJBA.org.
- The Broodminder Field Manager will be responsible for identifying the geographic areas for the broodminders, soliciting volunteers for the broodminders, helping to select volunteers for the project, coordinating the volunteer's hive inspection data, hive setup, broodminder and data upload setup along with being the volunteer's point of contact for any issues with the device.
- Information about Broodminder can be found at http://broodminder.com/

Thompson Park Day

- The event was Sunday October 16th 11-5 at Thompson Park 805 Newman Springs Road in Lincroft.
- A special thanks to Tiina and Baxter Vitale, Curtis Crowell and Inna Graboys for helping with the event!
- Geff showed photos of the event to include the new Honey Stick Display and Observation Hive.
- The event raised $1238.00