



Membership Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2017
6:30 pm – Monmouth County Agriculture Building

- Refreshments during Social Hour
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduce New Members

Thompson Park Day: Although the weather was not pleasant, approximately 10,000 visitors were present. Honey and Honey sticks were sold (\$1175.00) netting a profit of \$600.00. The Observation Hive was a main attraction.

New Business:

- Election: Len Klinker – Slate approved
 - Current Slate for 2018:
 - President – Geff Vitale
 - 1st VP – Nicole Wagenblast
 - 2nd VP – unfilled
 - 3rd VP – Ray Pogwist
 - Secretary – Angela Juffey
 - Treasurer – Curtis Crowell (Seeking a replacement)
 - Discussion: The Newsletter was a topic of discussion and ways to assist Angelo were mentioned. It is possible to have two people working on it, collecting articles and importing them into Publisher. Bill Malloy may be available to assist and will speak to Angelo.
 - Membership List: Discussion was also brought up regarding the availability of a Membership list to members. Security is an issue when publicizing a list with phone numbers and addresses.
- Treasurer's Report ~ Curtis Crowell: Our account is in excess of \$10,000.00. The funds can be used for speakers and travel expenses. One of the members suggested that we can pursue meeting in CentraState (meeting rooms) if the Ag Building is not available.
- Membership Kits/New Members
- Member Volunteers Needed:
 - Newsletter Volunteer needed (Bill Malloy)
 - Monmouth County Parks System Summer Camp is seeking members to make "Honey Bee" Presentations for students. Members are needed to create and deliver these presentations. Presenters will be compensated by the Parks System.
 - The Ocean County Fair will be held during the first week in July. Volunteers are needed to staff and run the booth which will feature an observation hive and honey sales.
 - New design for honey labels and CJBA business cards: Member(s) needed to redesign the honey labels and CJBA business cards. Include the terms LOCAL and RAW on the label.
- Roundtable Event: to be held on Wednesday, November 29th. This will include representation by the Master Gardeners, the Monmouth County Park System, and the Beekeepers Association (Angelo Trapani – Trapper's Honey). All are welcome.
 - Angelo will specifically address the new Bee Regulations proposed by the Board of Agriculture.
 - Regulations were posted and removed from the website
 - New regulations need to be made

- 60 day comment period
 - Beekeepers are encouraged to write individual letters, citing how these new regulations will negatively affect them and the Beekeeping industry as a whole. Many hobbyists will have to seek waivers in order to keep their hives since the new regulations state that no bees are permitted on a lot that is less than .5 acres.
- Presentation by Cynthia Werts ~ “New Jersey State Honey Show Secrets”
 - Cynthia Werts, Honey Show Chairwoman, presented a PowerPoint on Honey Show Secrets following refreshments and their general meeting. Members enjoyed tasting various honeys from around the world. They used a polariscope to see crystals and lint in honey; additionally, they tested some honeys with the Raritan Valley Branch’s refractometer to determine the water content. Cynthia shared her techniques for cleaning honey, and encouraged members to contribute to the February 2018 State Honey Show (to be judged on February 8 and 9). Following the judging, winning honey will be on display at the State Annex at the Capitol.
 - Judging will take place in the Eco Complex on Columbus Florence Road on February 8th and 9th. The judged honey will be displayed in the State House in Trenton again this year. It is a great time to show off honey bee products from around New Jersey. Legislators check out the show to see if any of their constituents are beekeepers. Entries will be returned at the Annual Winter meeting on February 17th and 18th.
 - Besides honey (creamed and chunk also), members can enter honey frames, wax, soap, candles, photographs, lip balm, hand cream, and mead.
 - For information on the Honey Show, the rules, and an entry form, go to [http://www.njbeekeepers.org/Annual%20Honey%20 Show.htm](http://www.njbeekeepers.org/Annual%20Honey%20Show.htm).
 - If you have questions, contact Honey Show Chairperson, Cynthia Werts, at CynthiaWerts@aol.com.
 - **50/50**
 - **Door Prizes**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

**Angela Juffey
CJBA Secretary**