



Membership Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2018
6:30 pm – Monmouth County Agriculture Building

- 6:30pm Refreshments/Networking in the Lunch Room
- 7:15pm Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

- Extractors – Equipment needed: hot knives, scratchers, rollers, fine strainers and stands. Contact Ray or Paul to reserve an extractor.
- Thompson Park Review: Event was well attended. Honey Queen, Nicole Medina, attended as well and interacted with people at the booth. Total sales: \$1004.00. Items sold: 28 (1lb. jars), 15 (2 lb. jars), 25 Bears, 7 Hot Honey (12 oz. jars), candles and honey sticks. Profit: \$579.00. Geff will loan the demonstration mini hive to Honey Queen Nicole for her upcoming presentations.
- Honey Queen Donation: The membership approved a \$1,000.00 donation to Nicole for Honey Queen expenses as she prepares for the January competition, appearances and presentations.
- Treasurer's Report ~ Curtis Crowell: Current balance is \$10,500.00. Events such as Thompson Park Day and the Monmouth County Fair continue to add to the CJBA's balance.
- Fall State Meeting – November 10th. Jeff Burd gave a summary of the meeting. Approximately 80 people attended. Dr. Debbie Delaney from Delaware gave a presentation on Hive Beetles. She is currently working on a program to assist displaced coal miners.
 - **Upcoming NJBA events:**
 - **Saturday February 16--Winter State Meeting at the East Windsor Holiday Inn**
 - **Saturday, May 18--Spring State Meeting at the Doane Academy in Burlington.**

Hosted by Mid-State, South Jersey and Jersey Cape

- **Saturday, June 29--Summer picnic/auction at Bob Hughes' in Groveville (Mercer County)**
- New Bee Regulations seem to be more reasonable. Two hives are permitted per ¼ acre, 8 hives per acre. There is an opt out provision. The Department of Agriculture can declare a public health emergency with regard to bees. This seems very vague. The new Regulations must be approved by the Board of Agriculture. Comments may be sent between December 3rd and February 1st. The local municipal departments have no power to regulate. Email Janet Katz with any questions you may have.
- The 2019 Calendar will be available for sale at our next meeting.
- The state needs someone to run the Honey Show Competition.

New Business:

- Geff review the Board Positions and listed the descriptions of each office. He opened the floor for additional nominations.
- Presentation of Candidates: Bill Malloy and Pat Evans summarized their resumes and intentions to run for the office of President.
- Additional nominations: Tania Ptak was nominated for the position of Treasurer and she accepted.
- Election: Congratulations to our new President, Pat Evans and our new Treasurer, Tania Ptak.

- Mike Devine gave a short summary regarding his bee presentation, with his wife Pam, at the 24th Annual Forestry Festival in Jackson. This is one way to increase public awareness and the membership is encouraged to reach out to their communities to educate the public.
- Presentation by Guest Speaker Curtis Crowell, Treasurer: Oxalic Acid – A Method of Varroa Control
 - Oxalic acid can be purchased at Ace Hardware or through Amazon.
 - Use 1 gram per brood box (measured using a food scale)
 - Be sure the supers are off.
 - Put Oxalic Acid in a vaporizer tray and place under the hive. Be sure the hive is sealed.
 - Turn glow plug on for 2.5 minutes.
 - Use solid bottom boards.
 - Stay away from the hive. Some beekeepers use a respirator.
 - Vaporize the acid compound using a car battery as the energy source.
 - Use caution when handling the car battery. It can cause burns.
 - Treat in the winter when there is no sealed brood. You can treat in December.
- Member Peter Ptak also brought Oxalic Acid equipment and described his method for Varroa Treatment.

Q & A

Membership Kits for New Members

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Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

**Respectfully submitted,
Angela Juffey
CJBA Secretary**