



## General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021 (ZOOM Meeting)

7:00 pm - Networking

1. Close the Voting: 44 members voted and the new slate was unanimously approved. Bill Woodward made a motion to accept, seconded by Stan Slabinski.
2. Moment of silence for Cynthia Wertz
  - a. Cynthia was the NJBA Honey Chair and past member of CJBA for many years. She was a current member of Raritan Valley.
  - b. Member Angelo Trapani was in the hospital for an appendix operation. Mary will send a Get Well card to him.
3. Minutes: Approval – No corrections noted. Peter Van Mater moved to approve the minutes and Bill Woodward seconded.
4. Monmouth County Fair and Thompson Park Report:

### 2021 Monmouth County Fair

- About 20 Volunteers (4 children) – some worked multiple shifts
- Great weather all days
- Honey provided by Gene Armstrong, Trappers Honey
  - 420 1lb jars (120 lbs. donated by Gene)
  - 96 2lb jars
  - 250 Bears (12 oz.)
  - 48 Hot Pepper Honey
  - >8,000 Honey Sticks
- 122 Hand Cream, 309 Lip Balm provided by Angela
- 217 Candles sold provided by E&M Gold
- Honey Bees provided by Beehive Barn
- Gave out over 500 pamphlets

In addition, approximately 500 pamphlets were distributed. \$11,090.00 was received in sales, expenses were \$7,351.00. Total profit = \$3,739.00. Fair attendance, weather and an increase in product prices all affect our profit.

## Thompson Park Day:



Despite the cold and windy weather, four brave volunteers, Bill and Becky Woodward, Paula Vetrovec and Geff Vitale staffed the CJBA booth on October 17th. Thanks to the efforts of past president Geff Vitale, CJBA was a presence, once again, for this annual event in Lincroft. Besides educating the public about our honeybees, honey, (supplied by Angelo and Anne Trapani and Gene Armstrong) honey sticks, beeswax hand cream and lip balm (supplied by Secretary Angela Juffey) and candles (supplied by Angelo and Anne Trapani) were also sold. 52 lb. jars of honey, 19 2lb. jars of honey, 25 Bears, 500 Honey Sticks, 17 Hand Creams, 81 Lip Balms and 30 Candles were sold which generated \$1,594.00 in revenue. Expenses = \$721.00, Net = \$873.00. The day was well attended and enjoyed by all!

5. Treasurer's Report: No report was given.

6. Committee Appointments: Financial Audit Committee: Brian Haluska, Education Committee: Jeff Burd, Taylor Fischer. Volunteer Catherine Wetzell will also serve on a committee (not yet determined). A committee is needed to coordinate speakers for the meetings.
7. Education Committee Report: Jeff Burd will be looking into scheduling a spring class. It is possible to split the course with another branch. Additional teachers will be needed to teach the course.
8. Update on State Meeting: No date has been set for the Winter State Meeting or Honey Show.
9. Update on Junior Member Katie Culbert's activities:



Our newest junior member, Katie Culbert, continues to be busy as a bee! Her 4-H Busy Bees Beekeeping Club has had several “hands on” meetings and members are looking forward to the spring when meeting will resume.

You can follow Katie's Adventures in Beekeeping at Jakes Branch Park by watching her YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1VTjvnWwdJQMSHG2H18FpA> as well as her Instagram @kt.bees.

In addition to providing us with an update of her club activities, Katie also summarized her research project for our members. As you recall, Katie's hypothesis is: Can thymol-based essential oils dispersed via a battery-operated mist

diffuser provide effective miticide efficacy without harm to honey bees due to the natural miticide properties of the essential oils and the ability of the mist diffuser to maintain a constant temperature and relative humidity. After restating the methodology used in her field study along with preliminary data and conclusions, Katie detailed her future directions which include the determination of winter colony survival success.

Looking beyond her research, Katie intends to investigate the following:

1. Because mist diffusion ensures the application of essential oils on Varroa attached to the body of adult bees, is there any penetration of essential oils into the brood cell?
2. Is there a residual effect from the thymol-based essential oils on the taste of honey produced?
3. Could the rotation of multiple essential oils be used as part of a natural miticide treatment?

We are so proud of Katie's efforts and look forward to following her future endeavors and accomplishments!

10.EBoard Election Results: The elected Central Jersey Beekeepers Association's Officers for 2022 are as follows:

President: Virginia Spitale (née Pauls)

Past President: Geff Vitale

1st VP: Angelo Trapani

2nd VP: Nancy Armbruster

Treasurer: Lew Goldberg

Secretary: Angela Juffey

- Fair Chair: Geff Vitale
- Facebook Coordinator: Danielle Garske
- Newsletter Editor: Angelo Trapani

Congratulations and the best of luck to our new Executive Board!

11.Cottage Food Update: The Department of Agriculture and the Farm Bureau are trying to reclassify honey and have it removed from the Cottage Food list, since it is a raw substance. The Department of Health must also modify the rule and change the language of the law. The NJBA has been addressing this problem and will keep us informed regarding the status of honey. Report any problems with your municipality to Isidore Venetos. Any new developments or information will be sent to you via email.



12.Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM. ZOOM General Membership Meetings will continue until further notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Juffey

CJBA Secretary