



General Membership Meeting Agenda

November 18, 2022

6:30 pm – Networking, 7:00 pm Meeting

1. Call to Order (Virginia Spitale) 7:05
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Virginia Spitale)
3. In Memoriam (Not Applicable)
4. Committee Reports

a. **Treasurer Report + Audit Committee** (Lew Goldberg + Brian Haluska)

Lew reported that as of the end of September the balance was: \$24,124.51

As of the end of October the balance was: \$26,014.60 and currently the CJBA bank balance is: \$25,864.60. Lew requests that members receiving reimbursement checks, email him upon receipt to confirm that they have received the payment. Lew will send Virginia the End of Year closing bank balance.

A member expressed concern regarding the amount of the bank balance. Non-profits have no cap. Funds are spent on the Family Bee Day Picnic and a Donation Committee has been formed to seek charitable organizations and scholarships that we can sponsor. Suggested organizations would then be voted on by the membership.

b. **Education Committee + Upcoming Events** (Jeff Burd) An intermediate class regarding seasonal management and other topics with Grant Stiles was recently held and was successful. Tentative dates for the next Beekeeping Class will be February 19 and 26 (Sundays) with a field day scheduled for March 5th. The Winter State Meeting and Honey Show will be held on Saturday, February 18th at the Eco Complex in Bordentown. The Ag Convention will be held February 7-9 at Harrah's and EAS will be held in Massachusetts on July 30th through August 5th. Details to follow.

Tentative dates for CJBA General Membership Meetings at the Ag Building in Freehold are: March 24, June 16, September 22 and November 17. Confirmation of these dates will be sent at a later time.

c. **Fair Chair + Monmouth County Fair Debrief + Fall Events** (Thompson's Park; Food Truck Oak Tree Lodge) (Geff Vitale)

The Food Truck Event was held on October 8 and 9. Honey was supplied by Gene Armstrong, candles were supplied by Mary Kosenski, hand cream and lip balm were supplied by Angela Juffey. Net income from sales was \$126. In addition, CJBA donated \$100 to the Valerie Fund. Due to the low sales, we will not be participating next year.

Thompson Park Day was held on October 16th. The weather was excellent and net income was \$869. Members Gene Armstrong, Mary Kosenski and Angela Juffey again supplied honey, candles, lip balm and hand cream.

d. **Membership Committee** (Ray Pogwist + Catherine Wetzell)- No Report

e. **Social Media Committee** (Danielle Garske) – We have two facebook pages: one is public and one is private. Members must request to post on the private page.

5. Statewide Meetings (See 4b above)

- a. 2/18/2023 Statewide NJBA In-Person Meeting
Eco Complex; Bordentown

6. Election Results

2023 CJBA Officers are:

President: Virginia Spitale

1st VP: Angelo Trapani

2nd VP: Nancy Armbruster

3rd VP: Vacant

Treasurer: Lew Goldberg

Secretary: Angela Juffey

Congratulations to all!

7. Old Business

- a. Update on Branch Extractors – No report. Ray will continue to research this topic

8. New Business

- a. Donations: Jeff Burd has been researching organizations, etc. that would benefit from donations. Bill Woodard volunteered to assist. Some suggestions include: Cornell, Rutgers, Tim Schuler and Malawi, Master Gardeners Pollinator Garden, Scholarships, etc. Members are encouraged to send suggestions to Virginia.
- b. Geff V. made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Honey Queen Program which was seconded by Jeff B. and approved by the membership.
- c. A member suggested creating an application which designates needs and how the funds will be spent.
- d. Additional extractors can be purchased.
- e. Ray will investigate buying products in bulk at a lower cost for the members.
(Apivar)
- f. Jeff B. will investigate bulk prices from Island Nursery.
- g. A scholarship is offered for 12-24 year olds in school which is offered by the state. Applicants must submit their applications 2 weeks in advance of the class. Discounts are also offered for Veterans. Additional information is on the website.

9. **New Business:** The Cottage Food Bill went to the Senate and back to the Assembly. It is now on Governor Murphy's desk to be signed in December. The Farm Bureau (meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month) put together a resolution encouraging Governor Murphy to sign the bill. Members can call the Governor's office at (609) 292-6000 to ask him to sign the bill into law.

10.Presentation: Round Table Winter Preparation:

Thank you to our knowledgeable panel: Mike Devine, Jeff Burd, Curtis Crowell and Angelo Trapani who represent 8 years to a lifetime of beekeeping experience and have cared for 2 to 300 hives! Although they have different methods of winter prep, all recognize the importance of mite treatment on a rotating basis such as the use of Oxalic Acid, MAQS and Apivar. Insulated top covers are also preferred. Beekeepers should check the weight of the hives and supplement feeding with fondant patties. Pollen patties are suggested in the spring to encourage the queen to lay eggs. Mouse guards and barriers (such as bushes or a snow fence) should be installed for protection against the North wind. Hives should be tilted forward to prevent water or melting snow from traveling inside. Hives should be placed in the sun facing an easterly direction. Carpet tacks can be placed in front to discourage skunk predators. Since bears have made an appearance in New Jersey, place your hives in the open and not along the woods line where bears travel. After harvesting honey, place the supers over the inner cover. The bees will carry any excess honey down to the brood boxes. Remove the supers in the fall as part of winter prep.

11.Raffle Drawing (50/50 cash & prize): The 50/50 raffle was \$32 and the raffle prize was a box of fondant patties.

12. Stan S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jeff B.

13.The meeting was adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Juffey

Central Jersey Beekeepers Association, Secretary