



## Membership Meeting Notes

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016

6:30pm - Monmouth Agriculture Building

6:30-7:30 Refreshments

7:30pm – Stephen Repasky, EAS Master Beekeeper and author of the book Swarm Essentials gave a wonderful presentation along with a book signing.

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Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

New Member Introduction

Approval of previous meeting minutes

### New Business

#### Speakers

- November Membership Meeting – Suzanne Brouillette will be our guest speaker and talk about the Slovenian Hives

#### Workshops and New Dates – 2016

- November 6<sup>th</sup> – Candle Making at Armstrong Tree Service, Neptune NJ

#### Annual Fall State Meeting

- October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn 1083 Rt 206N Bordentown, NJ. The event will be hosted by the MidState Branch.
- The speaker will be Dr. James E Tew . Dr. Tew is the Extension Bee Specialist for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The meeting was cancelled due to a family emergency for Dr. Tew.

#### Brood Minders –

- Geff spoke about using the Brood Minders as an experimental program. A member is needed to coordinate the program as a Field Manager to and instruct Volunteers, monitor Donor Hives and collect and organize data.

#### Elections – Len or Gene will speak about the upcoming elections in November

- Len spoke about the open slots and a bit about the responsibilities. He reminded members that it is not necessary to be an expert beekeeper to serve on the Executive Board.
- Volunteered to serve included Jeff Vitale as President, Nicole Wagenblast as 1<sup>st</sup> VP or other as needed, Bill Malloy to continue as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Ray Pogwist as third VP, Curtis Crowell as Treasurer and Angela Juffey as Secretary

#### Thompson Park Day – Geff to talk about the event.

- Geff will be coordinating the event and volunteers for the day. He will have an Observation Hive and will be selling Honey, Honey Sticks as well as any product(s) left over from the fair.
- The event is Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> 11-5 at Thompson Park 805 Newman Springs Road in Lincroft.
- The event is no cost to the club. Geff recommended we do an event like this a few times a year and is looking for ideas and venues in addition to Family Bee Day and perhaps the Allentown Fall Festival.

**Treasurers Report** – From Curtis – there is currently \$7170.26 in the account.

### Old Business

#### Monmouth County Fair – July 2016

- The fair was not as profitable as it could have been due to the rain
- Geff showed photos of the Fair with the new observation hives
- The Indiana State Fair was included in the presentation to show their extravagant set up to prompt ideas for our event.