



Membership Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2019
6:30 pm – Monmouth County Agriculture Building

- 6:30pm Refreshments/Networking in the Lunch Room
- 7:20pm Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence in memory of George Schaefer, member of NJBA and The Northwest Beekeepers Association

Old Business:

- Treasurer's Report ~ No report
- New Items:
 - 50/50 Drawing Before Lecture
 - Index cards for beekeeping questions
 - Door Prizes
 - Miscellaneous used bee equipment
- Introduction of New Members: Each new member (who has paid dues) was given a folder of information prepared by Linda Klink and a shaker jar with instructions for Varroa testing.
- CJBA 2019 List of Upcoming Yearly Events:
 - September 20th Membership Meeting: Frank Licata ~ Queen Rearing
 - Thompson Park Day ~ October 20th 11am-5pm. Volunteers will be needed. Geff will send out a form for volunteers (3 shifts). The Honey Queen will be attending. CJBA will be selling honey, honey sticks, hand creams and candles.
 - November 22 Membership Meeting: John Gaut ~ Winter Preparation
 - Election
- Monmouth County Fair Report: Geff Vitale summarized the Fair details:
 - 50,000 People in attendance – due to excellent weather
 - Extended fair hours enhanced result
 - Approximately 30 volunteers worked the daily shifts
 - Sold 367 jars of honey, 79 (2lb.) jars, 232 bears, 48 Hot honey, 56 Comb honey, 7,800 Honey sticks, 144 Hand Creams, 242 Lip balms, assorted candles
 - Bees for the Observation hive were supplied by Sallie Toscano
 - Over 1,000 brochures were handed out
 - Total Revenue in: \$9,285.00, Expenses: \$5,358.00, Profit: \$3,927.00
 - Geff projected a comparison from 2016-2019. 2019 was the most profitable year.
- 50/50: \$57.00
- Election Committee: Pat will appoint members of the Election Committee who will prepare the election for November.
- Beekeeping Course: Jeff Burd will be instructing the course on Saturday, September 21, from 8am to 4pm at the Agriculture Building in Freehold and Sunday, October 6th in South Brunswick. Pizza will be served for lunch.
- Index Card questions included the following topics which were discussed: Winter Care, Ventilation and Oxalic Acid.
- Presentation: Frank Licata: "Queen Rearing"
 - Egg must be one day old (not a "C" shape)
 - Create a Starter Colony (5 frame Nuc box) and a Finisher Colony
 - Put a screen on the bottom of the Starter Colony
 - Fill the Starter Colony with nurse bees which can be from different hives

- Add a pollen frame, a frame of honey/nectar, a wet sponge and cover the hive. Do this step in the morning so that the bees know they are queenless.
- Therefore in the Starter Colony, there is no queen, no brood and no opening.
- Meanwhile, set up your grafting area with the grafting frame, cell bars, grafting cups, damp towels, grafting tools, a bright light and magnifying glasses.
- Put the grafting frame between the honey and pollen frames.
- After 24 hours, open and observe the grafting frame. Bees should be drawing wax on potential queen cells.
- The Finisher Colony is a queen right, 2 deep hive. The queen must be in the bottom box (use your queen excluder). Put open brood on each side of the graft frame and provide food.
- By using a Cloake board (plywood) it is possible to make a 2 deep colony both a Starter and a Finisher colony.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Angela Juffey
CJBA Secretary**