



## General Meeting Notes

June 21, 2013

Monmouth County Agriculture Building  
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Refreshments began at 6:30. Meeting began at 7:30

Opened with Pledge of Alliance and Moment of Silence for Deceased Members, particularly Bill Coniglio, former president of NJBA.

A special thanks to Craig Timair for donating a plant, agastache hyssop, as a door prize.

George Sereduk updated members on the Monmouth County Fair.

Bob Hughes and Len Klinker were drop off points for Honey Show.

Curtis Crowell updated members with his treasurer's report.

Peter Cheney reported upcoming dates while speaker prepared:

July 19 – Bee Movie will be shown for free.

Sept. 13- General Meeting, Vince Aloyo, Master Beekeeper from Temple University, will be speaking.

Hive 1 and Hive 2 July workshops.

Oct. 19- State Meeting, Tom Seeley will be speaking at the Rutgers Eco Center. A special thanks went to Ed Kosenski for organizing the meeting.

Nov. 15- General Meeting- Michael Bush, author of Beekeeping Naturally, will speak.

Dec. 8- Holiday Party at 4pm at the American Hotel. A special thanks went to Ann Trapani for organizing the party.

Peter asked members to share ideas on speakers.

Break for Speaker, Kim Eierman, founder of EcoBenefical

### Old Business

1. Pesticide Treatment Program. Ken stated that only 100 hives in our membership were treated; a total of 23 beekeepers (about 10%) took advantage of the program. He asked why. One member stated that he orders the treatment early in the year and another stated that didn't want to commit to ordering them so early through the club in case of hive failure. One member stated that perhaps people were not treating hives.
2. Winter Loss Survey was not completed in time to report the news to members.
3. Jeff talked about EAS meeting in August. He suggested that this would be a good time to attend because of the close location (PA).

### New Business

1. Peter talked about the photo contest for the 2014 NJBA photo contest. Photos should be in jpeg format, with a max file of 5MB. The larger the file, the better it prints. Please send photos to [Calendar@grafiks101.com](mailto:Calendar@grafiks101.com). Deadline Sept. 1, 2013
2. Rider University has new student membership with CJBA.
3. Geff talked about a lack of membership within the Manalapan/Marlboro area and asked for suggestions to increase membership.
4. Geff suggestions Best Practice Presentations. Looking to organize a group gather information together for age appropriate presentations. Pat Ricci suggested the state dvd on beekeeping were excellent. Looking for a first year "checklist." Someone suggested a new membership packet for members. Please email Geff with ideas and to volunteer to organize the Best Practice/New Members Packet- [geff.vitale@gmail.com](mailto:geff.vitale@gmail.com).

5. Peter talked about the importance of Hive 1 & 2 workshops as a hands on way to develop best practices for new beekeepers.
6. Kathy Bloom suggested electric fencing around hives for bears. She suggested contacting Fish & Game for warnings of bears in your area.
7. Pat Ricci complimented Geff on the new CJBA website.
8. Geff discussed the new CJBA bylaws and absentee voting in October.
9. Peter reminded everyone of the movie showing of Bee People on July 20 and congratulated Mary Kosenski for her appearance in the show.
10. Door Prizes given; 50/50 awarded.
11. Pat Ricci motions to end at 9:30pm. Everyone votes yes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Petrovich-Cheney