



General Membership Meeting NOTES

September 13, 2013

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

Meeting opened at 7:35 pm with Peter Cheney, president, introducing Vincent Aloyo. Peter thanked George Sereduk for arranging Vincent Aloyo to come to our meeting. Vincent Aloyo's presentation was called: "Preparing your colonies for winter." For more information on Vincent Aloyo, please see his blog: <http://vincemasterbeekeeper.com>.

8:50: Peter officially opened the meeting with a Pledge of Alliance and a moment of silence for past beekeepers. Peter asked if there was anyone in the audience who was not a member to please come and see Ken or Len to register.

Minutes were reviewed on the screen. Laura Petrovich-Cheney motioned to approve the minutes; Petronio Zalamea seconded. Passed.

Ken Preteroti, representing Curtis Crowell, briefly stated our financial status as very good.

Peter reviewed the year's calendar starting with our **next general membership meeting as Nov. 15 with speaker Michael Bush**. Monmouth County Agriculture building, 4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728, Michael Bush- <http://www.bushfarms.com/bees.htm>.

Peter discussed the **State Meeting** which CJBA is hosting at the Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown. Tom Seeley is presenter with several CJBA members as roundtable presentors.

Registration on line and on site: Cost to attend is \$23 per person (\$12 children)

AFTER OCT. 12 and on site is \$26 (\$12 children)

Registration can be sent to Curtis Crowell at event_reg@njbeekeepers.org.

Some people stated that they were not comfortable using the state registration site because it was not a secure site, even though PayPal is secure. Geff Vitale stated that those folks can still mail in the registration form.

Vendors like Brushy Mountain, Charlie Toth, Walter T. Kelley.

Volunteers were encouraged to see Cheri Klinker for food service and see Peter for 50/50-volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering please click [HERE](#) to contact Cheri Klinker and [HERE](#) to contact Peter.

Ken Preteroti stated that he was securing the breakfast, lunch, and after noon pies.

Members were strongly encouraged to attend.

Monmouth County Fair was a Huge Success! Record sales at nearly \$2700. George discussed the fair:

Thanked Gene Armstrong and Hive 1 for providing the honey. Nearly 14 cases of 1 pound jars were donated from the working hives.

Thanked the volunteers who helped and worked very hard.

Thanked the Beecage Crew and special gratitude went for Angelo for his dedication to the club.

Cost of the beecage: \$686.29

Anna Trapani discussed The Holiday Party, Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4:00 at the American Hotel , 18 E Main St., Freehold, NJ 07728

DJ, Food, Raffles, 50/50, Cash Bar

\$24 per person, \$12 children (12 and under) until Nov. 30

after Dec. 1 adults are \$29 and child \$12. The club is subsidizing a portion of the cost for members and guests.

Registration will open Oct. 31, with paypal & mail in checks available- links will be on the website, facebook, and email newsletter

Peter presented the Old Business:

Medication Program- Ken Preteroti (orders taken in May; distribution in June). Distribution will be also be available at the Hive Workshops in June. Ken would like feedback on the medication program. The idea of the program is to help the club members and to promote healthy hives. Please click [HERE](#) to contact Ken with suggestions.

Winter Loss online state survey: still no news from the state.

Club Extractors- Bob Hughes had 6 people rent the extractor and Ray Pogwist. There was some discussion of the club purchasing a two frame extractor. A two frame extractor could be placed in a car, whereas the others need a SUV to be transported. A survey will go out.

Beekeeping Fundamentals for new members– Len Klinker, Geff Vitale, Ed Kosenski- look for that in January. If you are interested in helping with this committee, click [HERE](#).

Are you getting your Email from CJBA? Contact [Laura Petrovich-Cheney](#)

New Business:

New Members & Executive Board at the membership meeting. E-board members will be featured the next newsletter. If you are a new member, and need a member, please click [HERE](#). Len Klinker asked our more seasoned beekeepers to volunteer to be a mentor. If you want to be a mentor, please [click here](#).

Volunteers for Hive workshops- post on Facebook; [email Peter](#). We're looking for people to run a workshop at hive 1 or 2. Members are encouraged to volunteer.

Photo submissions for the 2014 state calendar will be announced late September.

Speakers for 2014: Peter asked the membership to suggest any good speakers that they may have heard or know about. To suggest a speaker, please [CLICK HERE](#).

More than Honey will be the fall movie- date tbd

[EAS](#) (Eastern Apicultural Society of North America) and [ABF](#) (The American Beekeeping Federation): national organizations are a great way to expand knowledge of beekeeping and beekeeping connections. Participation was encouraged.

Phone service messages for those who don't email. There will be opt in and out options for our members.

Open Floor:

State Library for DVD and VHS movie rentals. Pat Ricci sated that Janet Katz is looking for a volunteer to run the state library. If you need a movie, please contact Pat by clicking [HERE](#).

Beecage is not available for rent. The beecage was built because we couldn't borrow the one from the state. Without a beecage for education, we may not have allowed into the fair. However, anyone can contact Tim Schuler and ask to borrow the state beecage.

Cheri Klinker motions to end the meeting at 9:50. Ken Preteroti seconds. Passed.

Door Prizes were given. Nearly 77 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Petrovich-Cheney