

The meeting of the Executive Committee on 1/15/11 began at 10:10am in the media room of the Fair Administration building.

Attendance: Lis Bisaccio, Bob Burkard, Carol Burkard, Deb Cowell, JC Cowell, Linda Osbourne, Marsha Roemer, Cathie Skove, Chris Tomlinson, Tom Webb.

President Chris Tomlinson called the meeting to order. It was unanimously approved for Tom and Helen Webb to become honorary life members.

Chris Tomlinson proposed:

- * following the SCBA by-laws. Discussion followed on using Robert's Rules of Order. It was decided to utilize them on occasion if needed, and not be added to our charter.
- * learning the history of the SCBA
- * using the Fair Administration building more often, but also use the SOC for teaching purposes.
- * future yearly planning meetings to be held in October and also to have a limit of one business meeting during a regular meeting per year--approved.

Web Cam

JC Cowell stated the web cam will be operational once spring arrives.

SOC Hives

Per Chris Tomlinson both hives are still alive as of two weeks ago and have been very useful for demonstrations. Due to human error, the bees in the observation hive in the Nature Center are dead.

Chris Tomlinson recommended all Chairpersons to relay at executive and regular meetings the decisions of their respective Committees.

Liz Bisaccio, 3rd Vice-President, was appointed Chairperson of the Membership Committee by Chris Tomlinson. Additionally, Liz will compile the history of the SCBA with input from Tom Webb. It was suggested contacting Marilyn Cosh as a good source of information.

Linda Osbourne, Treasurer, reported 40 members have paid dues for 2011 leaving 34 members delinquent. A reminder of dues owed will be sent. Linda will e-mail Janet Katz, NJBA, the current officer list for the State Website. The NJ Agricultural Society \$50.00 dues for 2011 were approved.

JC Cowell, Funding Committee Chairperson (members Chris Tomlinson, Linda Osbourne, Cathie Skove, Giles Fenczak). Per JC this Committee will propose suggestions on budgeting and planning. The Committee also recommends leadership be at State meetings to represent SCBA. The Committee will revisit the topic of travel reimbursement for those attending State meetings.

The Funding Committee has decided preliminary work can be done via e-mail with an in-person meeting necessary for final discussion and coordination of ideas.

Lynne Cuomo, Activities Committee Chairperson (members Bob Burkard, Deb Brodhecker and Frank McElroy). Based on last year's budget, \$2,000.00 will be allocated to this Committee.

The topic for the 1/22/11 meeting will be Emergency Management of Bees and a question/answer forum on any subject related to beekeeping.

The topic for 2/19/11 meeting will be Disease and Organic Management.

The Introduction to Beekeeping Course will be on 3/12/11 and 3/19/11; rain date 3/26/11. It will be presented in the Fair Administration building with a start time of 8:30am.

4/16/11 To be determined.

5/21/11 To be determined.

6/11 or 12/11 Hands on management with covered dish to share.

7/23/11 Fair setup.

8/5-14/11 NJ State Fair/Farm and Horse Show.

9/18/11 Joint SCBA and SENY picnic.

10/15/11 Executive and Regular Yearly Planning Meetings.

11/12/11 Holiday Dinner.

The Activities Committee will research topics for future meetings. Noted was to contact Ed Kozinski for a list of speakers he has used.

Marsha Roemer, Secretary, mentioned that since the planning meeting has occurred after the 1/10/11 deadline for the State Newsletter publication, the February/March issue will have for Sussex County to check the SCBA website for meeting schedule. The State Website, however, will be updated with the schedule decisions of this meeting.

Deb Cowell, Fair Committee Chairperson, would like to add more classes to our Honey Show. Also the state score sheet does not match the SCBA score sheet. Suggested contacts on different classes are Janet Katz, Chairperson of the State Honey Show, and the EAS.

Bob Burkard announced seeing a flight cage attached to the observation hive at the State Fair in Harrisburg, PA. The use of the flight cage helps to alleviate some of the stress of the bees while confined in the observation hive. Bob will investigate the specifications of the cage.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.