

The Executive Committee Meeting took place on 2/7/10 beginning at 12:10pm at the Brodheckers.

Attendees: Deb/Steve Brodhecker, Carole/Bob Burkhard, Lynne Cuomo, Linda/Mike Osborne, Marsha/Gary Roemer, Cathie Skove, Marian/Russ Stickle, Chris Tomlinson.

Linda Osborne presided over the meeting.

The minutes of the 1/16/10 regular meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: A total of \$150.00 was donated to the NJ Ag Society in 2009. It was agreed any future donations would be to the Sussex County Ag Society.

Annual membership dues for 2010 are now owed in the amount of \$20.00. Checks are to be made payable to SCBA and mailed to Linda Osborne, Treasurer, 23 Fox Hill Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848. Marian Stickle suggested a reminder could be included in the next SCBA newsletter referring to dues outstanding.

SCBA Constitution and By-laws:

A review of the SCBA Constitution and by-laws will be addressed by Bill Foley and the Executive Committee at a date to be determined.

Website:

The SCBA by-laws and regular meeting minutes will now be posted on the SCBA website. Motioned by Chris Tomlinson, seconded by Cathie Skove. Approved.

2010 Introduction to Beekeeping Course:

Bob Burkhard submitted the agenda for the course. The decided location will be the Fair Administration Building on 3/13/10 8:30am-3:30pm, 3/20/10 8:30am-3:00pm with a snow date of 3/27/10.

An increase of the course fee was discussed. Motioned by Cathie Skove, seconded by Linda Osborne and approved is an increase to \$60.00 which would include the Introduction to Beekeeping course, one year membership to SCBA as well as the State Association, continental breakfast, handout materials, lunch and a beginner beekeeping book or DVD.

Tom Webb recommended "The Complete Guide to Beekeeping" by Roger A. Morse as the best book on the market for new beekeepers.

Bob Burkhard suggested and it was decided to have a 40 person limit to the class. It was motioned by

Tom Webb and seconded by Linda Osborne that if seating space permits interested current members would then be able to attend. Approved.

An already assembled hive with empty bee package cage and empty queen cage to be on display during the course. Two newly purchased hives to be assembled the last afternoon of the course. One additional hive to be purchased and with a bee package to be raffled at the end of the course. Motioned by Bob Burkhard and seconded by Marsha Roemer. Approved.

Amendment to the above motion by Tom Webb, seconded by Chris Tomlinson is that each frame assembled be marked by that new member's name. This will generate interest for new members to follow the progress made on their own personalized frames. Approved.

Cathie Skove will bring for use in the course a TV and DVD player previously bought by the Club.

Advertising: Deb Brodhecker will place a notice in the paper informing the public about the course. Application with fee to be sent to Linda Osborne, Treasurer, 23 Fox Hill Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848.

SCBA Regular Meeting Dates for 2010:

- 2/20 Early Spring Management-Speaker Mike Osborne, location School of Conservation's Kittattiny Bldg. 1pm.
- 3/21 Guest Speaker Ross Conrad, bring your own bagged lunch, beverages by SCBA, location and non-member fee TBA.
- 4/11 Installation of two bee packages, location SOC apiary, 11:30am.
- 5/15 Field trip to Genesis Farms, Blairstown, NJ, meeting point TBA, 10:am, bring a covered dish to share.
- 6/19 Possible field trip to Kosenski Commercial Apiary, TBA
- 7/31 Depending on the fair's schedule, possible fair setup meeting at the fairgrounds, TBA  
No meeting in August due to the fair.
- 9/12 Joint meeting with SENY Beekeepers Association at the Brodheckers, Program TBA
- 10/16 TBA
- 11/13 Holiday Dinner

Lynne Cuomo, 3rd Vice-President, will chair the 2010 Holiday Dinner Committee.

Members volunteering any two full shifts (one shift is four hours) at the bee booth during the Farm and Horse Show (NJ State Fair) will receive their holiday dinner complimentary of SCBA. Motioned by Linda Osborne, seconded Chris Tomlinson. Adopted. Members only and with dues paid in full.

Clarification of SCBA involvement with SOC:

As per Deb Brodhecker's conversation with Bill Foley--Bill Foley will be responsible for the two hives the SOC will own. The SCBA will not have any responsibility for them whatsoever.

However, the SCBA will purchase and place two of their own hives at the SOC fenced-in area and observe how they progress in that location. These hives will be used for our own hands-on education.

A motion by Bob Burkhard, seconded by Lynne Cuomo--to alleviate any insurance issues the Club's hives will be donated to the SOC with the SCBA retaining rights for demonstration and education. Approved.

Fair issues:

Helen Webb alerted the Committee of the fair discontinuing their policy of issuing photo IDs. Possibly only tickets will be used.

Unfinished Business:

Insurance concerns to be addressed by Linda Osborne with reference to SCBA's liability in the Club's placement of bee hives at Lusscroft Farms and Space Farms.

Cathie Skove will research SCBA sponsoring scholarships for the 12-21 age group.

A move to adjourn by Chris Tomlinson, seconded by Marian Stickle.  
The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Marsha Roemer  
Secretary