

The minutes of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association annual meeting of January 18, 2014 held at the Sussex County Fair Administration Building.

Attendance: LeeAnn Coleman, Debbie Cowell, JC Cowell, Carmine DeFalco, Don Drake, Jim Ferlauto,

Jonh Harrison, Roseline Huang, Jeff Kistle, David Kunz, Eileen Liddell, Tico Lin, Tom Makoujy, Mark Orce,

Sharon Orce, Gary Roemer, Marsha Roemer, Deb Schulaka, Cathie Skove, Harry Space, Denise Webb, Helen Webb, Tom Webb, Mat Wingle, Roman Osadca, three illegible signatures.

President Deb Cowell called the meeting to order at 11:00 am:

NJBA 2014 calendars are available to \$10.00. NJBA 2013 calendars are now available free of charge.

The 2014 SCBA schedule was sent previously by email. Our March meeting will be presided over by Dave Kunz, Third President. The agenda may change for the June meeting. The NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show dates are August 1 through 10. The Honey Show will be held August 1 with photography being a new category. Dan and Chrissy Perez, 2013 SCBA Honey Queen, will be working on a more formal presentation of the Royal Competition.

NJBA was awarded a USDA Specialty Block Grant which will enable them to give bee friendly plants to

the SCBA for distribution during the Fair. These will be perennial plants such as goldenrod and butterfly

weed. NJBA has a proposal to use plants only from systemic pesticide free seeds.

The State Honey Show will be held February 3. Deb Cowell has offered to drop off any entries if she receives them by January 30. The deadline for entries in Trenton is January 31.

The current Board will continue for its second year. There are openings for Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

Questions came up regarding the use of Robert's Rules of Order for the SCBA. Third President, Dave Kunz attended the NJBA meeting where those Rules were reviewed, and it was decided the Association can use them as guidelines and be followed loosely. There were also several interpretations for the

word “loosely”. Approval of any changes to the NJBA bylaws will be in February.

Dave Kunz was also able to share the discussion made at state level regarding membership votes.

Family memberships equal one vote. Junior members are not entitled to vote.

Second President, LeeAnn Coleman: The Introduction to Beekeeping Course will be on January 25 and February 1. Registration will be at 8:00 am with class beginning at 9:00 am.

Treasurer, Roman Osadca: We currently have 124 members. A detailed financial report was given regarding finances and current bank account balance. Our participation at the Fair allows us to satisfy customers and perform public outreach. There will be further investigation done regarding the opportunity for travelling by bus to beekeeping venues. Cathie Skove offered to put together the requirements needed when offering SCBA scholarships to students.

Librarian, JC Cowell: The library has available new books and CDs as well as some free literature. Take

advantage of this great resource. Please return any borrowed items.

President, Deb Cowell: The SCBA has purchased a hand crank 3-frame extractor that will be on loan to members. Mat Wingle is working on the rental agreement which will include the amount of deposit to be collected, a requirement for the extractor to be returned cleaned and any other stipulations. This unit will be brought to the Intro Course.

Systemic pesticide free seed packets will be offered for a small charge at the fair tables this year. The Harvest, Honey and Garlic Festival will be held on October 11, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at noon with a motion by Mat Wingle and seconded by Gary Roemer.

Marsha Roemer, Secretary