

Hello Bill, Following are the minutes for your review. Please double check my figures for the Treasurer's report as it was given before my volunteering. (I casually wrote the figures upon hearing them). Thank you.

Sussex County Beekeepers Association/February 21, 2009 Minutes

The regular meeting was held in the 4H Building at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. Called to order by Bill Foley, President.

Current Officers: President, Bill Foley; First VP, Open; Second VP, Chris Tomlinson; Third VP, Lynn Cuomo; Treasurer, Linda Osbourne; Secretary, Marsha Roemer; Newsletter Editor, Deb Brodhecker.

Treasurer's Report: \$5675.49 savings account; \$9752.20 checking account.

Old Business:

Feather Banner-No further information to report.

Beginning Beekeeper Short Course Committee Report:

Confirmed timetable - March 7 starting at 9AM to 4PM; March 14 starting at 9AM to 3PM; March 21 snow date /putting together hive boxes(materials have been purchased) starting at 9AM to 1PM. Breakfast bagles with beverages as well as lunch will be provided by the Association for March 7 and 14. Pizza on March 21. Followup postcards regarding the short course have been sent to individuals who signed up at the Fair. All members are welcome to attend the short course to assist in mentoring the next generation of beekeepers.

The Association Secretary position has been filled by Marsha Roemer.

New Business:

Flag Purchase-Gary Roemer will acquire a free desktop flag with stand to enable the Association to recite The Pledge of Allegiance wherever it meets.

It was decided to post minutes to the website in lieu of using up much needed space for bee information in our newsletter. A printed copy will be kept in the archives. Members without computers may have a printed copy mailed to them upon request.

It was also decided the business portion of monthly meetings will now be held quarterly.

Nancy Olsen volunteered to investigate the price on an already approved purchase of an easy-to-assemble canvas tent.

Tom Webb shared information regarding the Fair Administration's possible auctioning decorated artificial Christmas trees donated by each division to benefit Fair functions.

• We are looking for 2009 Honey Queen/Representative candidates.

Tom Webb feels the overwintering bee loss will be great this year. Cathie Skove suggested sending bee samples to Beltsville Bee Lab in Maryland which offers a free service to identify the cause of any colony loss.

Announcements:

Bill Foley is updating the "I Love Honey" brochure as well as working on a logo to best represent our organization.

Bill Foley will be giving a three hour lecture entitled "The Honey Bee and Its Role in Modern America" at SCCC on May 6 starting at 5PM to 8:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned with a motion from Cathie Skove and seconded by Frank McElroy.

Next meeting will be March 21 starting at 9AM (short course snow date/putting together hive bodies).