

The minutes of the The Sussex County Beekeepers Association-Executive Officer's meeting of 5/22/11. The meeting began at 10:45am in the School of Conservation's Long House in Stokes Forest.

Attendance: Liz Bisaccio, Deb Brodhecker, Deb Cowell, JC Cowell, Lynne Cuomo, Marsha Roemer, Cathie Skove, Chris Tomlinson, Helen Webb, Tom Webb.

President Chris Tomlinson-opened the meeting with the first item on the agenda of State Executive Officer meeting reimbursement. Discussion on the pros and cons of having a reimbursement policy. Major pro was the need to have the meetings attended by the best representation that are able to attend not by the best rep that can afford to attend. Major cons were this is a voluntary hobby, where to draw the line on reimbursements and a large yearly expense that will put a drain on our account.

The proposal is for reimbursement of the President and/or Secretary or their proxy as approved by the President to attend NJBA executive board meetings to include .35 per mile, tolls, \$10.00 per day, parking and meeting fees. All expenses to be documented and have receipts. The proposal passed with a vote of the officers at five to one.

The expense for the two individuals attending those meeting would be approximately \$800.00 per year. It was encouraged and recommended that the two individuals carpool thus alleviating some of that expense. The Committee would like to see the NJBA utilize video conferencing thus eliminating the need to travel to Trenton to attend the executive board meetings four times a year.

The NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show:
Proposed is the formation of a Fair Committee chaired by Deb Cowell. Unanimously passed. Deb Cowell-plans to review and organize the honey show classes, with the applicable ribbons, to be comparable with the state score sheet and will forward information on the Honey Show to Janet Katz for posting on the NJBA web site. Chris Tomlinson will be the person to electronically or by cell phone schedule volunteer signups for the bee booth. Volunteers working eight hours and have signed in for those hours will be eligible for a complimentary holiday dinner in November. Marsha Roemer-Needed is a very readily seen area at the bee booth for volunteers to sign in upon entering. Deb Cowell-The Honey Show judging will be on Friday. However, correction needed by the Fair is their posting of the incorrect day as Saturday. Chris Tomlinson-would like to see complete and ready by 7/1/11 "cardstock" score cards to be used for this year's judging. Two members to learn how to put the cage bee hive together. Something to consider as a "new" item to sell are wax sheets with hands-on instruction in making rolled candles. Helen Webb-Additional entries can be showcased in the white display case, and accurate records need

to be kept for the Fair.

Grant Equipment:

The NJBA will lend multi-media equipment (received from a grant) for our use during the fair. To be included to our list is their newly purchased wireless microphones which could be used in the bee cage.

Flight cage:

Chris Tomlinson will contact Bob Burkard regarding the one seen at the Harrisburg fair; Deb Brodhecker will send a photo of it to the Officers; and to alleviate stress on the observation hive bees, Tom's bees will be switched out for Chris's bees halfway through the fair.

Cocktails and Bees:

Informal getting together with members for drinks and bee talk. The first one to be on 5/25/11 at the The Lamp Post Inn, 1601 Rt. 565, Vernon, NJ at 7:30 pm.

October meeting:

The next Executive Officer meeting is scheduled for 10/15/11 at 10am. This will be a planning meeting for 2012. The regular meeting will follow at 12:30pm with the subject to be open discussions on member's experiences of the past year---place to be decided.

Other:

Chris Tomlinson-Brushy Mountain offers a packet of wild flower seeds that the SCBA could purchase a quantity at a discount and offer for sale during the fair. Chris will research the costs involved. As well as research a lecturer on flowering plants that specifically entice bees to the garden.

Hive Raffle:

Decided was the raffle of the remaining hive to be offered to all members in attendance at today's regular meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on 6/11/11 beginning at 12:30 pm at Cathie Skove's Honey House which will be a pot luck lunch with discussion on equipment and procedures for extracting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Submitted by Marsha Roemer