

The meeting was held in the Administration Building of the Sussex County Fairgrounds beginning at 1:30 PM.

Officers in attendance: Bill Foley, President; Chris Tomlinson, 2nd Vice-President; Marsha Roemer, Secretary.

Members in attendance: Liz Bisaccio, JC and Debbie Cowell, Gilles Fenczak, Chris Guerrero (sp), Cyndie and John Lucey, Bernhard Oesen, Louis and Lorraine Ponce, Gary Roemer, Debbie and Bill Ryan, Debbie Schulaka, Denise Webb. Tom and Helen Webb.

President's Report: Bill Foley alerted the membership that a draft regarding the protocol for implementing a web page has been instituted by Janet Katz, webmaster for NJBA. For further information see her website of janet@rapseik.org.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance is \$11,591.88. The saving account has a balance of \$5691.32. The gross figure brought in at the fair is \$14,541.56.

The Executive Committee's minutes of September 20, 2009 were read. Motion to accept by Gary Roemer. Seconded by Tom Webb.

Old Business:

Feather Banners--Chris Tomlinson reported the cost of a feather banner in the range of \$450-\$650 depending on the criteria of the logo. Now in receipt of the new logo, Chris will be able to move forward on obtaining an accurate estimate from the company.

Tent--Pricing on a new tent to be reviewed at the next meeting as Nancy Olsen was not available for this meeting.

Festival of Trees--Tom and Helen brought to the Association's attention that decorated artificial Christmas trees will be donated by each division of the fair. The trees will benefit The Farm and Horse Show Foundation and will be auctioned on November 14, 2009 in the Conservatory. Preview at 6:30pm; Auction start time at 7:30pm.

It was decided SCBA will donate a tree decorated with a honey bee motif. All SCBA members are invited to join in decorating the tree on November 11, 2009 at 7pm in the administration building of the Sussex County Fairgrounds.

New Business:

Holiday Dinner--It was concluded after much discussion on where and when that Bill would choose the date, make arrangements and inform the members. Motioned by JC Cowell. Seconded by Tom Webb.

Additionally a chairperson is being sought to organize next year's holiday dinner.

SCBA Shirts--As per the Executive Committee meeting of September 20, 2009: Members who worked the bee

booth during the fair received a complimentary SCBA polo shirt with the new logo.

Shirts are for sale to all members at \$15.00 and for sale for non-members at \$20.00.

Bill will follow up with the shirt company regarding SCBA gaining ownership of the JPEG image.

Short Course--Chris Tomlinson has offered and agreed to be Chairperson for the 2010 Short Course Committee. The short course will be held at the School of Conservation on March 13, March 20., with a snow date of March 27.

Tom Webb has scheduled picking up bee packages on April 8, 2010 and has begun taking orders.

New Meeting Location--Bill highlighted the positive aspects of meeting at the School of Conservation: several classrooms, two dining halls (one that can hold 100 people which could be used for the short course without SCBA having to limit the number of attendees), nature center with observation hive, an already enclosed fenced-in area for hives with an electrical outlet nearby, and the opportunity to partner with Montclair State University to apply for research grants.

It was decided the next regular meeting of January 16, 2010 would be held at the School of Conservation in Stokes Forest starting at 1 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Tomlinson. Seconded by Bernhard Oesen.
The meeting ended at 3:11 PM>

Marsha Roemer
Secretary