

The SCBA meeting of 8/27/14, held at the fair admin bldg., began at 7:35 pm.

Attendance: John Harrison, Edward Balogh, Harry Space, Jim Barrows, Mike Blahut, Carol Oesen, Bernhard Oesen, Joel Medina, Gilles Fenczak, Karen Fenczak, Lorraine Ponce, Marney Ostrowski, Louis Ponce, John Holmes, Frank Nagy, Elizabeth Nagy, JC Cowell, Dan Perez, Marsha Roemer, Cheryl Sanchez, Tom Makoujy, Debbie Schulaka, Ellie Lessin, Debbie Cowell, Denise Webb, Leeann Coleman, Roman Oscada.

President Debbie Cowell began the meeting with words of thanks to all who worked at the fair. She had received compliments on the booth and energy level of the workers. Royalty and Elena Hoffman (American Federation Princess) get credit for enthusiasm. The revamped royalty program did much to bring about this enthusiasm. There have been requests for royalty, junior beekeepers and beekeepers to speak at different events. For those that worked two shifts there is a choice of a t-shirt or holiday dinner: those that worked four or more shifts are entitled to both a t-shirt and holiday dinner.

Ed Balogh's photo of JC and Elena in the bee cage will be included in the NJBA Newsletter. Thank you from all to Joel and Nicole Medina for the time spent in transporting Elena to and from Philadelphia and to and from the fair as well as staying at their home. Joel read a message from Elena where she mentioned it was fantastic working with the SCBA which is one of the most organized of clubs she has seen and to keep the kids involved.

Fair recap and plans for next year-President Debbie Cowell thanked all for working within the new vendor process and acknowledged it is still being tweaked. Reminded all being a vendor is open to members and to start planning for next year. Thank you for guest judge, Ed Balogh's grandson, Jack, for judging the photo contest. Some plans for next year are to add a cash register, have shift captains and possibly add mead to the show. Debbie Cowell asked for suggestion for next year's show which will be reviewed by the executive board. Additionally more entries are needed which will make for a better show. Some suggestion given during the meeting are having business cards for those fairgoers looking to buy more of the club's honey and a map detailing the location of SCBA members. The club started with 200 honey dippers and at fair end have 62 left. All NJBA plants, that were still alive, were given away at the fair. The remaining seed packets have not yet been counted. They may be sold at the Harvest Festival.

Debbie Cowell introduced Tom Makoujy as 1st Vice-President and head of the newly formed Finance Committee. Tom explained the new system implemented during the fair with preliminary figures followed by discussion. The other members of the Finance Committee are Joel Medina, Ed Balogh, Carmine DeFalco and Roman Oscada. Leeann Coleman was in charge of the forms. Treasurer Roman Oscada explained how the many expenses of the club affect the bank balance. Tom discussed the estimated expenses and income from the fair. A cash register will be used next year to make recording sales easier.

Denise Webb gave a report on gross income of \$669.75 made at the Metaphysical Trinity Festival which occurred on August 16 and 17. Deb Cowell thanked Denise Webb, John Harrison, Karen Longo and Marsha Roemer for representing the SCBA at the event.

Roman Oscada suggested a club sponsored bus trip to a beekeeping event or place, for example the honey show in Philadelphia or a bee supply company. Members can bring their ideas on places to visit to the executive board. Roman reminded the members of the Harvest, Honey and Garlic Festival set for October 11 at the fairgrounds. This festival started as a harvest festival but with input from Roman and Donna Traylor (then a director in the County Department of Agriculture) the second year it became a Harvest and Honey Festival and the third year included garlic. All club members may sell honey products at this event. If interested, contact Roman to receive the necessary form. Members are covered under the SCBA insurance policy which is required for vendors. Roman and Leeann encourage all to participate.

Leeann Coleman , 2nd Vice-President will host the SCBA picnic at her place on September 13. Please bring a chair and a dish to share. Denise Webb mentioned Tom Webb will ask the SENY to join us. JC Cowell asked for any recommendations for a speaker at the picnic. A speaker had been set up but a personal issue will prevent her from attending.

It was suggested having a separate email address be set up for those interested in signing up for the intro to beekeeping course. There is a 25 person limit due to the room size. The club may need to look for larger space. There was discussion on having the first day of class be offered online and also offering a course for experienced beekeepers in addition to the hands on meetings.

There was discussion of having a list of members and their phone numbers that we could all share. It was pointed out not all members may not want their numbers published. It was decided to pursue this upon membership renewal.

Holiday Dinner-Roman Oscada recommended looking into other restaurants for the dinner. Denise Webb mentioned having the dinner on a date Elena could join us. This will be coordinated and Denise will get costs from the restaurants.

JC Cowell, Librarian, mentioned the club has a lending library not a giving library. Please return borrowed items. The library is available, tonight, to borrow items. We are working on having our own website. If anyone is interested in learning how to set it up or run it, please contact JC.

Elly Lessin, Newsletter Editor, will be working on the fall newsletter which will include the letters submitted by the prospective royalty as well as photos. If anyone has photos of the royal drones, please submit them to news@SCBA.club. There will be photos in the newsletter of Carmine DeFalco retrieving a swarm, 75 feet up, at Centenary College.

Joel Medina urges members to use our right to vote at the NJBA elections in person, online or mail.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Following the meeting will be a fall prep review with a question/answer period.

Marsha Roemer, Secretary