

## Minutes for the January 19, 2013 SCBA Meeting

The meeting, held at the Sussex Fairgrounds Administration Building, began at 11:05 am.

Debbie Cowell, JC Cowell, Mat Wingle, David White, Ken Warren, Mark Orce, David Kunz, Edward Balogh, Jeanne Lardino, Karen Fenczak, Gille Fenczak, Heather Kinney, Michael Kinney, Tico Lin, Debbie Schulaka, Harry Space, Rosaline Huang, Chris Tomlinson, Marsha Roemer, Gary Roemer, Cyndie Lucey, John Lucey, Dan Perez, Tom Makoujy, Jim Ferlauto, Denise Webb, Norman Lee, Lorraine Ponce, Louis Ponce, Leeann Coleman, Michele Smith, Bruce Masters, Karen Longo, John Harrison, Don Johnson, Amy Rowe, Carmine DeFalco, Michele Luick, Jeff Luick, Liz Bisaccio, Elizabeth Vernon, Jeff Kistle, Roman Osadca.

President Debbie Cowell recommended attending the NJBA State Meeting of February 23 in Hamilton, NJ. Some topics will be Jersey Fresh Standards, Honey Bees for Farmland Assessment, election of officers and honey auction.

Reminder to start preparing product for the NJBA Honey Show which will be held on February 5, 2013.

Following the meeting will be a lecture by Joe Lelinho of Hilltop Honey, Bee Bold Apiaries and Past President of the Essex Beekeeping Branch entitled "The Money Side of Honey."

April's meeting will consist of a short business meeting at the fair administration building followed by an installation of a bee package in one of Mat Wingle's hives that is close to the fairgrounds. Date to be determined.

A sign up list for the "2013 A Year in New Jersey Beekeeping" calendar was available for members interested in purchasing this new management tool created specifically for the New Jersey beekeeper.

In March, Tim Schuler-State Apiarist, will be a member of a team travelling to Malawi, Africa. Their goal is to teach and set up sustainable food sources (which includes beekeeping).

Librarian JC Cowell: The library is available at the back of the room. There are vintage journals. There will be new materials ordered and need suggestions from the membership on what subjects would be of interest. State brochures and educational materials are available for use when giving lectures. When finished with borrowed items, please return them to the library.

There was discussion on bee care for late winter/early spring resulting in the following: check the weight of hives—if light, feed the bees. Do not remove mouse guards yet. Honey can be fed back to the bees if it is from their own bee yard. Install pollen patties, once dandelions have bloomed. It was noted two members had bees that absconded from their hives.

Tom and Helen Webb are taking orders for bee packages at 973.875.3889.

Dave Kunz will take orders for bee packages, New Jersey nucs and New Jersey made woodenware at [www.millcreekbeefarm.com](http://www.millcreekbeefarm.com).

Those interested in grouping together for a bulk supply order, contact Don Johnson at [bees@darkmoongroves.com](mailto:bees@darkmoongroves.com).

President Debbie Cowell: Mat Wingle and JC Cowell spent much time inspecting hives with Tim Schuler last season and will be a real asset to us as they will be able to inspect member's hives and give guidance. If any major issues are encountered, Tim Schuler can be contacted.

The Introduction to Beekeeping Course will be March 9 and 16. Individuals with questions may contact Leeann Coleman at [leeanncoleman@gmail.com](mailto:leeanncoleman@gmail.com). The \$65.00 fee can be sent to Roman Osadca at Ten Old Stage Road, Newton, NJ 07860. SCBA shirts will be available for sale during the course.

Treasurer Roman Osadca: Last October was the first time the SCBA had participated in the Harvest and Honey Festival. It was well attended, and we will participate this year on October 12, 2013. Membership dues will be accepted during the break.

There was discussion on hosting the Fall State Meeting with the conclusion that it would be a logistical challenge due to the intense activities of the State Fair and Harvest/Honey Festival. Additionally, there would need to be a good solid committee established because of the planning and work that would be involved in hosting an event of this magnitude.

Also discussed was the lack of informative emails from NJBA. The reason being the Association no longer has an active webmaster.

The meeting ended at 11:40 am.

Marsha Roemer, Secretary