

The minutes of the SCBA meeting of July 7, 2012

The July 7, 2012 meeting of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association, held at the Fenczak residence, began at 5pm.

President Christopher Tomlinson: The schedule to assemble and prepare the bee booth for the fair includes the unloading of the shed on July 21 beginning at 11 am, painting of the walls on or about July 30 (exact date with time to be announced) and final setup of the booth on August 2 at 6 pm. The fair will run from August 3 to 12.

“SCBA” V-neck Ts and collared shirts will be ordered. Volunteers at the bee booth will be given a shirt to wear during the fair and to keep.

Members that work a total of eight hours at the bee booth will be entitled to a complimentary holiday dinner on November 3, 2012. Denise Webb, Holiday Dinner Chairperson, will investigate dinner pricing at Michaels Restaurant in Wantage. It is estimated thirty to forty persons attended last year’s dinner.

The Joint Meeting with SENY and SCBA will be held at the Brodheckers on September 16, 2012. It is our Association’s turn to provide a speaker at this event.

Fair Exhibit Chairperson/Deb Cowell: Reminder to those that plan to exhibit that now is the time to prepare their bee products for the honey show which is on Friday, August 3. Honey bee photos are needed for display during the fair. Soap will be a new item in the honey show as well as being offered for sale this year. Original design tiles depicting bees with a farm animal may be another new item for sale.

Additional labels will be ordered and the supply of paper bags will need to be inventoried.

Gilles Fenczak has ordered the hard candy, and the honey sticks have already been received. Candy Thompson made reminder of the need for more hard candy containers and will try to round up some that will be appropriate. Tom Webb offered the use of short jars for display of the six flavors of honey sticks.

A local wood carver may donate a custom honey bee wood carving to be displayed at the bee booth.

Christopher Tomlinson has offered his extra observation hive to any interested member.

Librarian/JC Cowell: Would all members with borrowed items from the library, please return them before the start of the fair. We will need the library’s DVDs for presentation at the bee booth.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Marsha Roemer, Recording Secretary