

The SCBA regular meeting minutes of 10/16/10:

The regular meeting of the SCBA on 10/16/10 was held in the Craft Porch at the SOC beginning at 10:15am.

Attendance:

Officers-President Bill Foley, 2nd Vice-President Chris Tomlinson, 3rd Vice-President Lynne Cuomo, Secretary Marsha Roemer.

Newsletter Editor-Deb Brodhecker

Webmaster-Steve Brodhecker

Librarian-JC Cowell

Members-Liz Bisaccio, Bob Burkard, Debbie Cowell, Gilles Fenczak, Jim Ferlauto, Karen Kozensky, Frank McElroy, Bernhard M. Oesen, Al Olsyn, Nancy Olsyn, Gary Roemer, Debbie Schulaka, Cathie Skove, Helen Webb, Tom Webb, Mat Wingle, Phil Zabel, Sharn Zabel.

Bill Foley announced as of this meeting he would be stepping down as president and gave a thank you to all for their support these past two years.

The minutes of the 7/24/10 meeting were approved as read. Motioned Tom Webb, 2nd Mat Wingle.

Officer's Reports:

Treasurers Report-the report showed savings \$5699.09, checking \$13,617.86, fair gross \$13,842.00, fair expense \$8811.75 and fair net \$5030.25. Any outstanding bills need to be sent to Linda Osbourne. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report Helen Webb, 2nd Lynne Cuomo.

Holiday Dinner-Lynne Cuomo confirmed the date of 11/13/10 at the Lafayette House. Cash bar 6:00pm. Dinner 7:00pm. Lynne will e-mail the three entree choices. Payment of \$30.00 per person to be sent to Linda Osbourne.

The list of volunteer hours at the fair were presented for review. Also included was an area for signing up for the Holiday Dinner. Helen Webb relayed a thank you for all who volunteered at the Bee Booth.

Old Business:

Association Financial Sponsorship (philanthropy)-Bill Foley stated to be consistent with our mission and goals when donating funds, we need a process by which to work with. Therefore, we will table the current issue of the three proposals to enable us to establish ground rules on donation.

Cathie Skove stated she was removing her previously submitted proposals.

Concern was expressed, as a non-profit organization, was the club over the dollar limit allowed. It was clarified that even if the club should attain \$25,000, it would mean submitting a form to the IRS and not an obligation to hire an accountant.

It was also pointed out the SCBA has the same objectives as the NJBA and follows its guidelines.

Suggested was to set up a committee to map out goals. Motioned Deb Brodhecker, 2nd Tom Webb. This motion was amended as follows: To table the current question as to such time as a special committee is established and specifically charged with the responsibility of recommending appropriate use of Association funds. Motioned Deb Brodhecker, 2nd Tom Webb.

Discussion on the need to establish and formalize clear policy and procedure guidelines on philanthropy. It was voted and passed unanimously to set up a special Funding Committee to establish those policies and procedures reporting their findings to the Executive Committee. Members of the Funding Committee: Chris Tomlinson, chair; Linda Osbourne, Cathie Skove and JC Cowell as members.

Bee Cam:

JC Cowell reported the bee cam is close to finalization on his hive and updates every five seconds. JC will meet with Montclair University representatives to evaluate if his setup will work at the SOC. The cost of the bee cam is between \$500-\$1,000. The web site is <http://webusers.warwick.net/~u1046755/>.

Electronic scale, an accessory of the bee cam, performs a once per day hive weighing. JC reported Tim Schuler, state apiarist, is interested in keeping track of these findings.

Bill Foley put forward the question of Montclair University buying the electronic scale or SCBA paying and retaining ownership of the scale. It was decided to find out how much Montclair State is willing to expend on this project. Bill will forward contact information to JC.

Meeting signage-To better identify which building will be used for meetings at the SOC, utilization of the club's "beekeeping meeting" signs will begin in January 2011.

New Business:

The address of the SOC is One Wapalanne Road in Sandyston, NJ (mailing town is Branchville).

Festival of Trees-Tom Webb brought to the Club's attention that decorated trees will again be donated by each division of the fair. The finished trees will be auctioned on 11/13/10 in the Conservatory and will benefit The Farm and Horse Show Foundation. The trees will include directions on care for spring planting. The establishment of a special committee, Tree Trimming Committee, was called for as this appears to be an annual project the SCBA will be involved with. Denise Webb as chair with members Cathie Skove, Carol Oesen and Marsha Roemer.

Librarian-Motion was passed on a \$500.00 budget for new purchases. Motioned by Chris Tomlinson, 2nd Jim Ferlauto. JC Cowell requested all borrowed items be returned to enable him to evaluate what will be needed.

Bee Cam-Motion was passed on a maximum limit of \$1,000.00 budget on bee cam equipment. Motioned by JC Cowell, 2nd Mat Wingle.

Per NJBA, the SCBA web page needs to be assimilated with them (the club conforms to their guidelines), our portion will be a sub page and will be controlled by NJBA. However, SCBA will keep its own website.

Bill Foley suggested creating a standing committee to put together an agenda of topics per meeting which will be posted on the NJBA website. Cathie Skove cautioned to wait on submitting our schedule until after the NJBA's February meeting when they publish the state schedule. The standing committee, Activities and Programs Committee, chaired by Lynne Cuomo with members Bob Burkard, Frank McElroy and Deb Brodhecker will begin preliminary work on the 2011 schedule.

Additionally, members are requested to give thought to establishing a Fair Committee.

Bill Foley announced the slate of officers for election: President/Chris Tomlinson; 1st Vice-President/Lynne Cuomo; 2nd Vice-President/Debbie Cowell; 3rd Vice-President/Liz Bissacio.

Requested was a membership list to be distributed to members. Any members not wishing their information be included in this list need to contact Deb Brodhecker at sdbrodhecker@gmail.com or 973 702-1223.

Note: Members in need of any honey bee guidance, either verbal or on-site, please contact the mentors listed on the back of the SCBA Newsletter.

Announcements:

Bob Burkard will chair the Introduction to Beekeeping Course Committee. Bob mentioned children are welcome to attend the course. The group identified some sources where children/students may be contacted who show interest in becoming involved with beekeeping: Newton High School-Future Farmers of America, Lusscroft Farm (Heritage and Agriculture Association), School of Conservation and Montclair University students and 4H.

The meeting adjourned at noon.