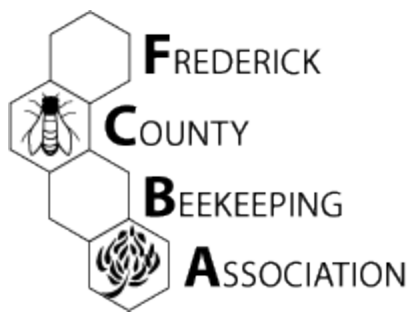


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Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2015

Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with all members present.

Nature Fest Application: Dave M. and Jens A. have agreed to attend to represent the FCBA. Suggestion to address silent auction donation (ticket for bee course 2016) Board agreed to ask for vote from membership.

BEELINE: Discussed the possibility of posting the Beeline on the website for members. This publication is a benefit of membership in the State Beekeeper's Association and should not be posted, but members should be encouraged to join.

UMD Bee Course: 2 veteran beekeepers in the club can go free- suggestion to share with membership and choose names randomly for opportunity to go.

BeeBiz/ Group Email: Dave M. has created a group email list (BeeBiz) that will be for business only. The Group email (bees@emaildodo.com) can still be used for bee related posts and questions. Members will automatically be put on both lists, but can unsubscribe at their will. Members can still directly email members for specific questions by using the members list on the members only page on the website.

Committees: The Science Committee will schedule speakers- Bill M. noted that the MSBA pays speakers \$50-\$100 + mileage. This needs to be considered. Joe O. shared that the Howard and Montgomery county Bee Associations have shared an interest in pooling resources together to get a bigger speaker. FCBA has been invited to join this consideration. Dave M. expressed the need for committees to draft budgets to present for approval by members. The Science Committee could put the speaker honorariums in their budget. This needs to be on the March Agenda.

Fair: The club needs to confirm the demos by Feb. 25th. The suggestion was made to do the same demos on the same schedule.

Vendor Page: Vendors listed on the website must be a member and the items must be bee-related for a free listing. Other interested parties would be charged \$10 to be listed. Discussion about Jim Frasier's dedication to the club through donations- should he be offered an honorary membership? Glen will talk to him about his interest in being an honorary member.

General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Rose Aurigemma, President.

There were 52 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently 180 members.

Welcome to Katherine Kerr- Middletown; Christian & Katie Jacobs- Ijamsville; Dale & Lori Andrews- Middletown/Myersville; Caroline- Middletown; Tracy- Mountandale; Katherine- Buckeystown/Tuscarora; Paula New- Woodsboro; Robbie- Master beekeeper from PA.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the January 7th meeting were sent out for review prior to the meeting. Amendments were made and sent out. Motion: Dave M.; 2nd: Glen; unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jens emailed the Treasurer's Report for review prior to the meeting. He noted a correction to the report to reflect a deposit made by Dave M. Motion: Dave; 2nd: Joe; unanimously approved. Harry P. suggested having an incoming/outgoing column format to make viewing easier. Jens welcomed any ideas to make it easier for members to understand the report. Email him suggestions.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Science: Chuck Schwalbe will be the chairman. The committee is responsible for securing speakers. Bill M. shared that MSBA speakers earn \$50-100 + mileage for events. He is suggesting that the FCBA consider also compensating speakers. Questions brought up by membership included: should there be one set cost or dependent on knowledge base of speaker? If the speaker is also selling items, can they sell them to the club? Should the FCBA host speakers(for housing/ dinner)? The membership agreed for the Science committee to put together a package to present to the membership in March for voting.

Auditing: Has already met to perform the audit.

Education & Outreach: This committee is still seeking a chairperson. Laura shared email conversations among committee members. The committee developed a list of goals for the year, including developing a web page for resources for beekeepers, children and educators; develop lesson plans that are connected to the state standards; select children's books to gift to school libraries; design and market a new t-shirt for club members and for sale to the public as a fundraiser; work with the bylaws working group to reword the function of this committee; continue public outreach involving the local community through events like the Fair, Nature Fests, sponsoring Bee Course Students, etc.

Bylaws Working Group: Glen M., John K. and Rose would appreciate any suggestions for revisions to the Bylaws. Please send them ASAP to any one of these members.

Newsletter: Deb T. is interested in creating an email newsletter. She will be asking for help for submissions.

MSBA Report: Bill reported that the State Beekeeper's Meeting will be coming up February 14th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Hope to see you there! Info on the meeting can be found here: <http://www.mdbeekeepers.org/meetings.html> He suggested members consider signing up for Beeline which is an informative newsletter sent out 3 times a year. It is free with your membership to the Maryland State Beekeeper's Association.

NEW BUSINESS

Nature Fest 2015: This event will be held at Catoctin Creek Nature Park on April 25th. Dave M. and Jens A. will be manning an educational bee booth that day. There will be a silent auction and the club has been asked for a donation. Suggestion was made to donate a ticket or two to the FCBA Bee Course 2016. The motion was made to donate a 2 ticket package to the FCBA Bee Course 2016 with the understanding that the winner will commit to the course no later than Dec. 1st. 1st: Mike T.; 2nd: Glen; unanimously approved.

Short Course Location Donation: Glen shared many thanks to all that helped with the Short Course. He appreciated everyone's hard work but particularly noted Nellie, Liz T. and Dave's assistance with food and registration respectively. Liz T. suggested a \$500 donation to the church for hosting them, noting that this is a significant savings over the rental fees usually charged. A motion was made to give a donation of \$500- 1st: Dave M.; 2nd: Mike T.; unanimously approved. Liz T. agreed to deliver a check to the church.

John K. suggested an alternate location for next year- the Community Center on Old Receiver Rd.

UMD Bee Course: The University of MD will host their bee course, March 28-29th. They have offered for 2 veteran beekeepers in the club to go free- to provide feedback and advice to the class attendees. **If you are interested, please email your interest to Rose by February 18th!** She will choose names randomly for opportunity to go.

Mentor Map: Mentors will not be matched until March.

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Dave noted that if you would like to reply to all, you must add bees@emaildodo.com to the To box before sending. Please send any useful info to Todd Carpenter to be posted on the website or post to Facebook! Frederick Bees!

The Great Frederick Fair: Please consider joining the Fair planning committee- it's time to begin planning!

BEE DISCUSSION

Members discussed the current status of their hives and what they are doing this month. Many shared their strategies for feeding now and building woodenware. Discussion also included treatment options, including MAQS (Mite Away Quick Strips), Paramoth for storing supers, and oxalic acid.

The meeting ended with door prizes and was officially adjourned at 8:48 PM.

The next meeting will be March 4th, at 7:30 pm (7 PM Board meeting) at the Fountain Rock Nature Center, Walkersville, MD, Topic to be determined.