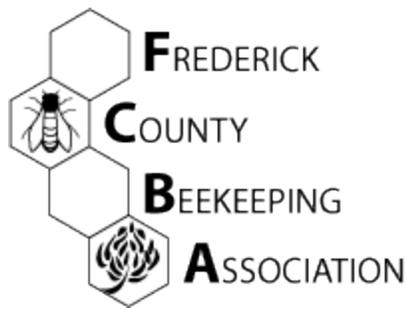


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# Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2015

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## Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with all members present.

**Communications:** Agenda will be sent by email (no printing). Agenda should include standard items: minutes, treasurer's report, sub-committee reports, MSBA reports, where are we in the beekeeper's year?, new business-anything of importance to members

**Committees:** Goal of tonight's general meeting is to reinstate committees (scientific- recruit speakers; public relations/outreach-education; newsletter; bylaws working group- revise bylaws to reflect the club)

**Reminders:** Presentations and discussions at the meetings are opinions representative of the presenter's philosophy.

**Website:** Need to remind folks to send info/pictures/updates to Todd Carpenter. He is the webmaster. Also need to ask to include links to vendors (must be members and items must be bee-related) on for sale page.

**Outreach and Mentorship:** Need to explore possibilities for a more formal sign-up for newbees (pairing experienced and new) that would include scheduled check-ins; given time at the meetings to chat; group by region; understanding of availability; visits not too structured or stiff; possibly pairing newbees with one another as well; utilizing the fence hives for learning

## General Meeting

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

There were 36 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently 185 members.

Welcome to Wes Bowen- he'll be attending the short course.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from the December 3rd 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. Motion: Glen; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Seth; unanimously approved. Reminder: club dues are due.

**Short Course Update:** Glen shared that the plans are coming along nicely. Food, presentations, door prizes and vendors are secured. The 15 minutes hands-on presentations will be re-instituted this year. No last minute help is needed, however if you need a name badge, please let Glen know! The idea was given to mark the name badge with Class of \_\_\_ to help folks identify the newness of beekeepers.

Dave Maloney is in charge of set-up and tear-down. Set-up will be about 8AM. Folks willing to help: Allen, Guy, John K., Deb T., Ritchies, Glen

**MSBA Report:** Bill reported that the State Beekeeper's Meeting will be coming up January 16<sup>th</sup>. Preparations are underway for the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The Bee app that the FCBA donated money to is on the way to being fully funded. This app will allow users to take a picture of a hive and/or bee issue and send it to the University of Penn State for review.

**Goals for 2015:** Rose asked members for feedback both written and verbal about the future plans for FCBA- she shared via email the responses.

The Board discussed the roles of the committees and a need to begin to establish them.

- **Public Relations-** Public Outreach- this committee would be ongoing and focused on educating the public, schools and others about beekeeping. Also possible grant-writing and outreach.  
**Chairperson:** TBD  
**Members:** Dave Maloney, Laura Ritchie
- **Scientific Committee:** Reports on current research in the world of beekeeping and helps secure speakers of interest for both beginner and advanced beekeeping topics.  
**Chairperson:** TBD  
**Members:** Allen Winpigler, Bill McGiffin, Kristien Zaal
- **Auditing Committee:** Double checks the treasurer's end of year report. This would be a committee that would meet only once a year.  
**Members:** Dave Maloney and Darlene Donaldson
- **Newsletter Committee:** Reports about the happenings in beekeeping relevant to the Association and general.  
**Chairperson:** Deb Turnell  
**Members:**

- **Bylaws Working Group:** Revises the current bylaws to reflect the needs of the FCBA. Will bring the revisions back the membership for feedback and approval. Noted need for Short Course and Fair standing committees.  
**Members:** John K. and Glen M.

**ANY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THESE COMMITTEES...contact Rose!**

**Meetings:** There will be a board meeting at 7 PM prior to the general meeting in order to shorten the amount of “business” at the general meeting. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Student Needs Honey Donations:** Josie Ritchie shared her plans for her Science Fair project this year. She is studying “Why is honey different colors?” She predicts it has something to do with the flowers’ nectar. She has asked for FCBA to donate a small amount (1 TBSP) of honey from Frederick County to build a honey spectrum. She’ll need to know what the main floral sources are in the hive’s vicinity and the location of the hive to map it. Please plan to bring the samples to the Short Course class on January 17<sup>th</sup> or the February/ March meetings. She’d also like to donate her project from last year for the short course!

**National Park Service:** John K. shared a request from the National Park Service for an observation hive at Cunningham Falls. It was recommended that the scientific committee discuss the logistics of this.

**Insurance:** Liz T. asked the treasurer to investigate getting the Erie insurance bill sent to him instead of her.

### **BEE DISCUSSION**

Members discussed the current status of their hives. Many shared having losses attributed to varroa mites.

The meeting ended with door prizes and was officially adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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