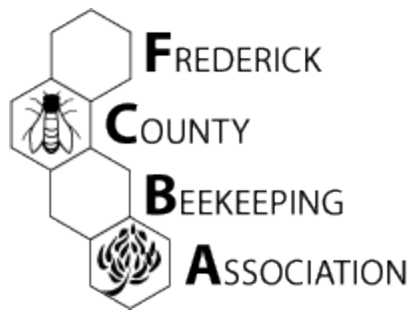


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# Meeting Minutes

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Glen Mayers, President at Holly Hills Golf Club.

There were 30 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently 124 members.

## **Regular Club Meeting**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The beginning balance was \$ \$4,342.59. The ending balance is \$4,658.19. 1st motion: Dave; 2nd motion: Joe The report was unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

**Short Course** - The Saturdays in January. 17th, 24th , 31st. We have all the presentations from last year on thumb drive. A few binders and course books are left over. We need to form a committee to prepare for the short course. We have about 3 people who want to be on the committee, but we need more. Dave is doing the registrations. Glen will run the committee to prepare for short courses. The course includes a field day and will be about \$75 and will include membership in the club for a year. Last year we had 54 who attended the course. Our cap is 60 attendees.

**Upcoming elections** - Rose will take over the presidency, and Joe O'Connell will be the president elect. We will need a treasurer. Laura is willing to stay on as secretary but if someone else is interested please let us know.

**Next Meeting Guest:** Plans to bring in the new bee inspector at our next meeting to answer questions and explain her role.

**Candy making Party:** Guy will host the candy making party November the 9th in Woodsboro. Glen will email what you should bring.

**MSBA Report:** Three clubs contributed to the bee study mentioned by Bill.

**Social Media:** We hit 300 likes on Facebook! We only have 100-ish members so we've got some new fans!

### **Guest Speaker:**

Sam Droege from the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center at the US geological survey was our special speaker. Title: What do you really know about bees?

Amazing photographs accompanied Sam's talk on pollinators. The talk was less about honeybees and more about the wide world of bees. There are more than 420 native bees species in Maryland. While honey bees gather pollen from many types of flowers, native bees are often specialized to just one or only a few plants. Plant a variety of native plants and manage for biodiversity. Mow your lawn just once a year in March if possible. Trees are not nearly helpful to bees as flowers.

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Suggestion to put his presentation up on our website.

Minutes recorded by Angie Mayers and submitted by Laura Ritchie.