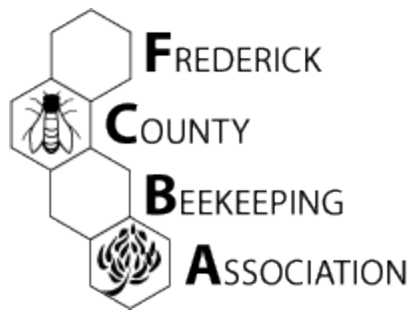


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# Meeting Minutes

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Glen Mayers, President at Fountain Rock Nature Center in Walkersville, MD.

There were 45 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 \$3,920.37. There was income of \$25 for dues and extractor rental fees. The Fair honey total was \$1,053.70. There were expenses of \$57.25 for stickers; \$29.98 for Domain name registration; \$332.84 for postcards; \$22.21 for flashlights and \$214.20 for Web Service until 2019. The ending balance is \$4,342.59. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Dave; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Allen. The report was unanimously approved.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Laura shared the amended minutes from the September meeting were sent out to members via email for review. No further amendments were made. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Dave; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike T. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## New Business:

**Great Frederick Fair Reflections:** Overall members shared that the Fair was a great success. The club was able to educate the public and advocate for honey bees. Bill shared that Connie Palmer was in support of selling anything bee-related. Discussion ensued about the lb vs. ½ lb. and the success of sales. Members noted that the ½ lb jars were popular. Discussion continued about having a more consistent jar next year. John K. offered to order and supply the club with the consistent jar while passing on savings of a bulk rate. A popular question was "How long has the Association been active?" Members shared an estimate of 8-9 years. There was a large response of interest to the short course (Dave M. will be handling registration) as well as placement of hives on properties.

Items to be considered by next year's fair committee include:

- Purchasing MORE honey sticks!
- Possibly purchasing a quarter a turn candy dispenser to sell honey candy
- Having an old time candy/straw dispenser for candy sticks
- Lowering the observation hive to avoid onlookers from sitting on display table

- Offering a brochure of where to buy local honey after the Fair and in bulk amounts
  - Include a map and maybe labels from individual sellers
- Modify the observation hive to remedy the problem of inhibited bee traffic
- The size and type of jar to offer for the sale of honey
- Update the Beekeeping in MD brochure from the Ext. Service (John K.)

**Honey Harvest Festival:** Mike T. shared that the event was a great success. There were several thousand people in attendance. Highlights included: outdoor screened tent with a beekeeper working a hive, candle making, and honey extracting all day long. Thanks to Mike T. for attending and representing the FCBA.

**Beekeeper's Handbook:** Be sure to keep this handy as a first-hand guide when something is going awry in your hive. Reference this while you wait for the 8 expert opinions from club members.

**Black Honey IPA and Flying Dog Brewery:** Joe O'Connell shared his successful partnership with Flying Dog Brewery. The Black Honey IPA will be launched this Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Flying Dog Brewery off of Wedgewood Blvd from 12-5. The beer made with Joe and Dave's honey will be available on draft at restaurants in MD and DC. Joe presented the club with a check for \$360 from the partnership! KUDOS! The beer will be available locally at JoJo's Restaurant and Taphouse, Bushwallers and the Brewery. Cheers!



A link to the Saturday event details and a map:

[http://flyingdogbrewery.com/event/9700/?instance\\_id=1444](http://flyingdogbrewery.com/event/9700/?instance_id=1444)

Reservations needed for the Tuesday release:

[http://flyingdogbrewery.com/event/brewhouse-rarities-black-honey-ipa-release/?instance\\_id=1473](http://flyingdogbrewery.com/event/brewhouse-rarities-black-honey-ipa-release/?instance_id=1473)

**Fence line Hives:** There is a need for someone to care and oversee the fence line hives at Fountain Rock. They have been returned and combined (Thanks Dave and Glen) from the Fair. The queens are well marked and doing well currently. They need to be fed ASAP. Please contact Rose, Glen or Dave if interested in helping. This would be a wonderful opportunity for a new beekeeper to gain some experience!

**Candy Making Party:** Rose has possible dates of November 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. She'll keep us posted! This is wonderful opportunity for fellowship and experience making candy to feed the bees over the winter.

**Upcoming Elections:** The treasurer must be replaced, a President-elect is needed and a secretary is welcomed. If interested, please contact a member for more info.

**State Bee Meeting:** The Maryland State meeting will be held in Annapolis on November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be contests for honey and honey-related items. The first meeting of 2015 will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds sometime in February.

**Bee App & Beekeeping 101:** Marianne Frazier (Penn State) shared that only 2 clubs had issued checks to support the development of the Bee App. The project is in a holding pattern for more funding. A new Beekeeping 101 course has been published online at a discounted Fall rate (\$129).

Link to the course: <http://beekeeping101.psu.edu/>

**Bee Laws:** There is link to the laws regarding beekeeping in MD on our website. Bill wanted to highlight that hives placed in apiaries on other properties need to be labeled with the Registration Number. This can be in Sharpie marker on one of the hives. Be sure to review the laws to be well-informed.

**Future Meeting:** John K. suggested inviting Cybil Preston to a future meeting to speak to members.

**Next Meeting: Sam Droge guest speaker about Pollination Study** The meeting will more than likely held at Holly Hills...stay tuned for email from Glen regarding this.

## **Bee Discussion**

Discussion included members' experiences with feeding techniques. Consensus was October is the time to feed 2:1 syrup. Other ideas included use of Honey Bee Healthy, Fumigillan to treat Nosema, pollen patties (late summer/early fall & early spring) and sugar and grease patties (spring & fall).

Recipe for sugar and grease patties: 3 lbs. of sugar mixed with 1 lb. of Crisco make hamburger sized patties (12-15) extra can be stored in freezer.

The meeting ended with door prizes and cookies, and was officially adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The next meeting will be November 5th, at 7:30 pm at Holly Hills Country Club. Keep an eye on email/website for updates.