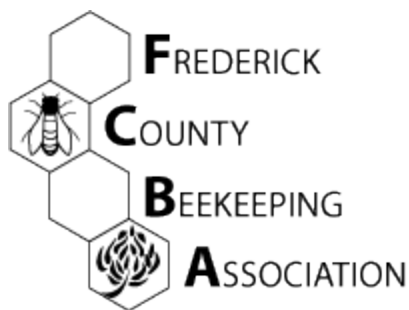


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Meeting Minutes

September 3rd, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Glen Mayers, President at Fountain Rock Nature Center in Walkersville, MD.

There were 37 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently about 100 members.

We welcomed new members and guests: Ruby, a veteran rooftop/community garden beekeeper from Brooklyn. Phil Rice and family from Woodsboro and John & Mary from Knoxville.

Regular Club Meeting

Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance was \$4373.27. There was income of \$25 for dues and extractor rental fees. There were expenses of \$227.90 for fair wax and \$250 for donation to Well-Beeing Healthy Hive app. The ending balance is \$3,920.37. 1st motion: Dave; 2nd motion: Allen. The report was unanimously approved.

Meeting Minutes

Laura shared the amended minutes from the August meeting were sent out to members via email for review. No further amendments were made. 1st motion: Dave; 2nd Allen. The minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Great Frederick Fair:

- **Booth Sign-up:** Still 2 spaces available. 9/19 (2-6) or 9/20 (9-2)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fafa29abff2-frederick1>

- **Honey Sales:** If you need labels, contact Glen. Mark jars on bottom with a Sharpie with your initials. You'll need to sign in honey.

Gemstones3240@yahoo.com

- **Handouts:** Deb worked on a 5.5" x 8" postcard sized handout that features pictures and a colorful display of FCBA events and mission statement. Ed Mordan suggested Gateway printing a local company- Glen called and was

quoted \$314 to print 1,500 cards for the Fair with extra for other outreach activities. Mike Turell motioned to approve spending for printing over and above the budgeted amount for the Fair expenses. Unanimously approved. Dave shared a quote of \$250 to print 2,000 Value of Honey in MD brochures, but suggested waiting after speaking to the MSBA rep who shared a possible reprint in the near future, by which the club could be given free copies. The members agreed not to print this brochure, but instead post the link to the FCBA website for reference.

http://www.mdbeekeepers.org/downloads/Value_of_Honey_Bees_in_MD.pdf

- The club needs to purchase stickers from the Honey Board for kids. At \$10 per 1,000, Mike Turell motioned to approve \$50-60 to purchase a large quantity of stickers. Unanimously approved.
- **Close out at Fair:** The procedure for close out is to leave \$20 in small bills and quarters. Take the cash and write a personal check to the FCBA for the remaining cash that you take with you. Leave check, \$20 change and sign off sheet in money box under the table covered with a cloth.

Honey Harvest Festival: September 20th from 9-3:30. Mike Turell is going to be volunteering, any others interested contact him or come for the enjoyment of it! Free admission and parking at the Patuxent Research Refuge. Any donation of wax molds would be appreciated as well.

Michael Turell mturell@erols.com

<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147543407>

Great Insect Fair: Penn State College on September 13th...interesting event!

<http://ento.psu.edu/public/kids/great-insect-fair>

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.

Alison Gillespie Hives in the City: Keeping Honey Bees Alive in an Urban World: There is a guest speaker coming to Fountain Rock to speak about her book, Hives in the City: Keeping Honey Bees Alive in an Urban World. She encouraged members to attend. It will be held on Sunday, September 14th from 2-3 pm. Her book can be found on Amazon. ISBN-13: 978-0996025904

Local Farm Looking for Hive: Kit May shared a local farm in Walkersville is interested in having bees placed. Email her for contact info. Kit May healthy4longlife@yahoo.com

Bee Discussion

Discussion included members' experiences with mite treatments and the various ways to treat or not treat.

Upcoming Dates/Topics of interest:

October: Fair Reflections and Bee Course planning

November: Sam Droge guest speaker about Pollination Study

December: Annual Meeting with Elections

Rose will become the President;

Glen, the Immediate Past President;

President-elect will need to be elected;

Seth's term will have ended and a new treasurer will need to be elected;

Laura is happy to serve again unless someone desires the position

Any interested parties, contact the current board for more info!

The meeting ended with door prizes and cookies, and was officially adjourned at 8:40 PM.

The next meeting will be October 1st, 2014, at 7:30 pm at Fountain Rock Nature Center in Walkersville. Keep an eye on email/website for updates.