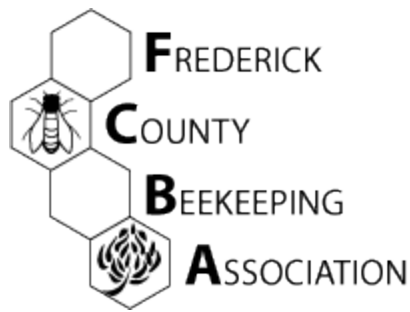


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# Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2015

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

There were 43 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting.  
Welcome to Rick Smith and John & Nicole.

## **Pollinator Presentation**

Guest speaker: Bill McGiffin introduced Lisa Kuder, U of MD, PhD student

She lives in New Market and is currently in a honeybee lab at U of MD. The focus is on what is referred to as the “miner bees” which is a common name. They are very small in size and can sometimes appear to be as small as a beetle. The study includes: the habitat of these bees, their pollinator habitat including highway roadsides and the affects road salt has on the wildflowers and the bees consuming this salt to also include honeybees being drawn to different chemicals. There are 20,000 species of bees worldwide in which 425 of these are right here in MD. They contribute \$15 billion to our agriculture. She pointed out the importance of the honeybees and native wild bees and how data is lacking for the wild bees; they too are a dying breed and need help. These wild bees are cavity nesting bees, very messy unlike the honey bees that are hygienic. They live in bare patches of soil, hollow limbs/logs/trees and make tunnels. She discussed neonics and the affect it too has on wild bees. Some of the things we can do to help are provide pollinator habitats.

## **Regular Club Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were sent out by email prior to meeting.

Motion: Mike Turell; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe O’Connell; unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Emailed the Treasurer’s Report for review prior to the meeting. Motion: Dave Maloney; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe O’Connell; unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports**

Public Outreach/Education: Liz Baker reported that on October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm is the Middletown Library presentation. 30-40 mins for presentation and 15 mins for Q & A. Can be informal and anything we want to discuss, i.e. .. basic beekeeping, benefits of honey, possibly

touch on venom therapy being done, etc. Library is equipped if we want to do a pp presentation. We are welcome to provide handouts. Max will probably be 15 people (it's a small space). We can also seek the possibility of getting in with the home school program as it was indicated they may possibly interested especially the scientific portion of the honeybee. We will also be doing a presentation to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Daisy troop October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, New Market Elementary School. Laura made a great suggestion to have Josie partake in the presentation as well.

Dave Maloney reported that on 9/11 he will have approximately 20 students from FCC at his home for hive inspection, etc. Also, October 25<sup>th</sup> Flying Dog Brewery will hold an event where we may be able to set up a display; Joe O'Connell will work on getting additional information for this.

Scientific Committee: No report

Bylaws: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Nothing to report other than Deb doing a fantastic job once again!

**MSBA Report:** Nothing from Bill although Jim Fraser was in attendance and made mention of the MD State Honey Festival to be held September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Brookside Gardens. Information is listed on their website.

**Old Business:** Dave reported the club hives are doing very well! Queen spotted easily in the observation hive. 2 fence line hives are doing well, strong and are currently being treated for mites using Top Guard.

**New Business:** Jim Fraser invited all to the Montgomery County Beekeeping Association September meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Silver Spring where guest speaker Maryann Frazier of Penn State University will be presenting *"Improving Your Odds; Factors Impacting Overwintering Success"*

**Fair Update:** Ed was not in attendance and Rose will follow up with him for an update. Dave has forms for people who will be bringing honey to sell. Price is \$10/pound of which \$1.00 will go to the club (wasn't mentioned but thanks to all who will be contributing)

**Bee talk:** Touched on fondant party. John Klapac will provide 2 possible dates. Place TBD. He also mentioned the possibility of having this catered but due to the low # of people who attend, it was decided to continue with the pot luck as in the past.

Rose shared her version of a metal homemade mouse guard (show and tell) and donated for the raffle. She also shared her version of doing a mite count by taking but lathering both sides

with Crisco and placing on the bottom board. Leave it there for a 3 day period. This was placed in her "worst" hive.

Rose suggested that at next month's meeting discussing a possible Christmas party/gathering.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm followed by door prize raffle.

Thank you to Liz Baker for taking notes during my absence.