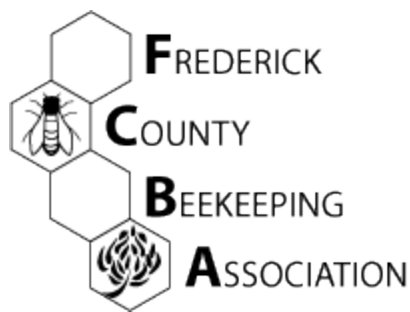


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# Meeting Minutes

November 4<sup>th</sup> , 2015

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The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Rose Aurigemma, President.

There were 32 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently 168 members.

Rose welcomed new members and introduced Rick Stephens of the Washington County Beekeepers Association. He is new to beekeeping and is building the WCBA- members offered support as needed!

## **Public Outreach and Education Teaching Tub Demonstration**

Laura talked to members and demonstrated ways to use the materials in the FCBA teaching tub to teach a wide range of audiences.

Topics for discussion include: Pollination and Interdependence; Life Cycles; Habitats; Products of the Hive; Beekeeping as a Career; Jobs of the Hives; Anatomy; Inheritable Traits; and Communication-Pheromones.

Dave M. suggested a lesson/handout for bee-friendly flowers.

An email will go out to members asking them to share their email addresses if interested in being contacted for possible outreach. Emails will then go out to these members notifying them of outreach/education opportunities.

Laura will store the club education tub, email her if needed. [Lritch79@gmail.com](mailto:Lritch79@gmail.com)

## **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes were sent out via BeesBiz prior to the meeting. No amendments were made. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Mike Turell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Mayers. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The report was sent out via BeesBiz prior to the meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Dave Maloney; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Mike Turell. The report was unanimously approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Public Outreach/Education:** Liz Baker shared her success with the Daisy troop presentation in October. She also shared an outreach opportunity for Ms. Shelley Smith of

Frederick High School. This teacher was looking for presenters for the week of November 16-20 and 23-24. Email Liz if interested and she'll share the contact info.

**Scientific:** No Report

**Bylaws:** The bylaws committee and Board need to meet in the next month for work session. Rose noted a need to revise "quorum" in the bylaws.

**Newsletter:** Deb is collecting submission for the December newsletter, please send them her way. There was also a request for Kim's cookie recipe!

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**MSBA Report:** Bill McGiffin sent out the Beeline Newsletter via email and encouraged all members to join the MSBA and receive the newsletter themselves. Just \$10 is a steal! The State Meeting will be held Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> with the inspector dog being available. The new bee inspector will also be there. The next meeting will be held February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Club Hives Report:** Dave Maloney reported that the fence line hive is doing well and has been winterized for winter. The observation hive absconded, so anyone who has a weaker hive or a queen and wants to consider donating it, it would be appreciated!

## **New/Old Business:**

**Great Frederick Fair:** Rose shared that the feedback from the Fair was overwhelmingly positive. There were many great ideas- she'll be sending it out to folks for review at a later date. Highlights included a need for the same jar and a new labeling system.

**Bee Candy Parties:** Guy Neal has offered his home in Woodsboro on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-5. Guy will send info closer to event.

**December Elections/Nominations:** The Board will serve as the nominating committee for the December elections. Interested in being an elected Board Member? Contact Rose!

**FCC Beekeeping Class:** There was mention that there will be a beekeeping class at FCC in the Spring semester. No one at the meeting had details confirming this, however it is thought to be directly related to the information Dave Maloney provided an FCC staffer about cost and needs for a grant application.

**Short Course Planning and Updates:** Glen Mayers provided some early planning for the short course. Members discussed the best dates to hold the event and everyone agreed that Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> with a January 30<sup>th</sup> snowdate was the best fit. There would be a field day in April as well. Dave Maloney made a motion to again offer free membership with the Short Course, Mike Turell seconded and it was unanimously approved. There was extensive discussion regarding the price for the course. John Klapac made a motion for the

Course to remain at \$75 per person, Bill Conyers seconded, the motion was denied with a 13-10 against vote. A vote was held for a \$70 cost which was approved 14-9. The Short Course cost will be set at \$70 per adult with an additional adult in the same family at \$45 and a child 12-17 in the same family \$30. The course will be held at the USDA building at 69 TJ Drive.

**MD Apiary Inspector's Fund:** Bill McGiffin made a motion for the FCBA to donate \$500 to the MD Apiary Inspector's Fund to show support. Allen Winpigler seconded the motion, but the motion was denied at a vote of 7-7. There was a brief discussion about the pros and cons of making such a donation and the members felt they needed to have more details about where the money goes specifically before making a decision. There was also discussion about the FCBA making a donation in the past, however this was not noted in the minutes for the past year.

The meeting ended with door prizes and was officially adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**The next meeting will be December 2nd at 7:30 pm at the USDA Professional Development Center at 69 Thomas Johnson Drive.**