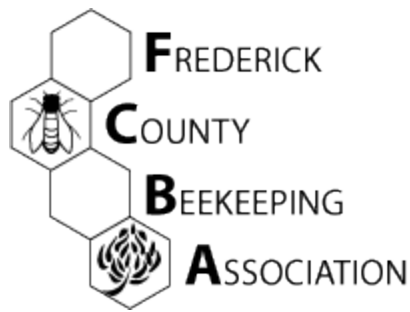


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Meeting Minutes

October 7th, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Rose Aurigemma, President. She thanked all for the hard work and volunteerism at the Great Frederick Fair in September.

There were 40 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently 152 members.

Special Presentation: Wayne Wehling, USDA APHIS on regulatory programs to protect honey bees and other pollinators from invasive pests and diseases

- The Honey Act of 1922 and the Plant Protection Act of 2000 give authority for regulations. APHIS has authority to regulate interstate movement of honey bees, however they do not.
- New Zealand, Australia and Argentina have all sought permission to export honey bees. Australia was granted permission and exported bees to the US from 2005-2008 at which time exporting was stopped due to Apis Cerana (Asian honey bee).
- 3 diseases/pests/viruses currently monitored, but NOT present in the US:
 - Slow Bee Paralysis Virus
 - Apis Cerana (Asian honey bee)
 - Tropilaelaps (a mite smaller than Varroa)
- Prevalence of diseases/pests from National Honey Bee Survey (2009-2014)
 - Varroa Mite found in @90% of samples/ 4.57 mites/100 bees
 - Acute Bee Paralysis Virus found in @20% of samples
 - Israeli Acute Paralysis Virus found in @10% of samples
 - Nosema found in @54% of samples
 - Deformed Wing Virus found in @85% of samples
 - Chronic Bee Paralysis found in @5% of samples
 - Black Queen Virus found in @60% of samples
 - Lake Sinai Virus (South Dakota) found in @40% of samples
 - Pesticides found in @21% of samples

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Secretary's Report:

The minutes were sent out via BeesBiz prior to the meeting. Thank you to Liz Baker for taking notes in Laura's absence. No amendments were made. 1st motion: Dave Maloney; 2nd Glen Mayers. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The report was sent out via BeesBiz prior to the meeting. 1st motion: Mike Turell; 2nd motion: John Klapac. The report was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Public Outreach/Education: Laura shared on behalf of Liz Baker that there are many opportunities for outreach. The library session was a success despite the rainy weather which affected turn-out. 5/6 attendees were interested in attending the Short Course. Additional opportunities for outreach include: Frederick High Biology class; Homewood Retirement Center and MD State Ag Convention. With many requests for outreach, we as a club need to manage the requests. Rose shared a need to develop a web page to post education opportunities. Laura suggested having the teaching tub lesson at a meeting in the future. The members decided to have this 20 minute lesson at the November meeting.

Scientific: Chuck noted that anyone who is interested in presenting on a topic, please contact him. HE handed out request slips for folks to contact him with topics of interest.

Bylaws: Rose has reviewed another club's bylaws, which were succinct. The bylaws committee will meet in the next month to begin revision.

Newsletter: No report, but continue to send Deb your submissions.

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MSBA Report: No Report, but Bill is seeking a fellow club member to share this position.

Club Hives Report: Dave Maloney reported that the fence line hive is doing well as one combined hive. The observation hives have both been returned and are doing well and ready for winter.

New/Old Business:

Great Frederick Fair: Rose asked for feedback from folks on the fair. She collected some written responses at the meeting. Please forward any other responses to her. We will revisit the Fair at a future meeting once feedback has been reviewed. Dave Maloney thanked Emma New, who gifted to him her Fair ribbon and photograph of his Night Blooming Cereus.

Bee Candy Parties: Guy Neal has offered his home in Woodsboro on Sunday, November 15th from 1-5. John Klapac has offered to host a party on Saturday, October 24th from 10-2 at the Emmanuel Church of Korea. We will take a poll for interest for these two parties.

December Elections/Nominations: If you are interested in serving on a nominating committee for December's elections, please email Rose!

Holiday Party: The group discussed options for a holiday party. Possibilities include a group dinner at a restaurant or a December meeting honey dish potluck. The group will take a poll for interest.

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

The next meeting will be November 4th at 7:30 pm at the USDA Professional Development Center at 69 Thomas Johnson Drive.