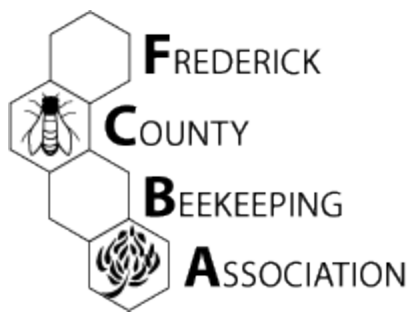


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Meeting Minutes

March 4th, 2015

Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with all members present.

Field Day: We need to schedule a date for the field date. April 11th, 18th and 25th are options, with priority being the 25th. A need for flexibility was noted.

BeeBiz/ Group Email: Rose reiterated a need for all folks to be cordial in their communications over email. At this point, there will be no policy to govern the email. Vendors should limit their advertising emails to no more than 2 per month.

General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Rose Aurigemma, President.

There were 32 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently 180 members. New members were welcomed.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the February 4th meeting were sent out for review prior to the meeting. Amendments were made and sent out. Motion: Dave M.; 2nd: Mike; unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jens emailed the Treasurer's Report for review prior to the meeting. Motion: Dave; 2nd: Glen; unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Science: Chuck Schwalbe noted this group to be a very active group. Kristien shared a proposal from the scientific committee describing the nature of the speakers, including 4 invited speakers to speak on topics beyond basic beekeeping; 4 volunteer members to speak for 15-30 minutes on a given topic; and 4 round table discussions. They have requested a budget of \$800 to cover speaker donation, dinner and travel if needed. Looking forward....April will welcome Mark Hoffman to speak about Queen Rearing; May will be an informal meeting; June-volunteer Kristien; July- David Morris. Motion: Rose; 2nd: Mike T.; unanimously approved.

Education & Public Outreach: Liz Baker will chair this committee. Reminder that Nature Fest is coming up April 25th at Catoctin Creek Nature Park. Laura shared an educational opportunity presented by John Giffin of Wolfsville Elementary School. There is a need for a few

volunteers to present to rotations of students at a STEM event on March 31st at Wolfsville ES. Dave M., Joe O., Weston R. and Laura R. agreed to volunteer for this event.

Bylaws Working Group: This group will meet in the near future to address the current bylaws. Rose shared with the membership a reminder to be polite, concise and use common sense when responding through email. Please keep topics to the interest of beekeeping and vendors are welcome to sell their products through no more than 2 emails per month.

Newsletter: Deb T did a wonderful job with the first edition of the newsletter! Some suggestions about the newsletter included: adding pictures of interest, recipes, surveys, a series of questions with results printed in next edition, "What Would you DO? column. There was also a suggestion to have an "editor" review the material before it is published for credibility (maybe scientific committee). A reminder was also given to cite sources in your articles. One last suggestion was to attach the hive registration form to the last page of the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Day 2015: Possible dates are April 18th, 25th and May 2nd. There was discussion about the timing of the nectar flow and having a possible 2nd date without the potluck lunch for stragglers. Membership agreed to reassess this weather at the April 1st meeting.

Registering Hives: There was a reminder to register your hives. This is a wonderful service as free inspections are available. There was a suggestion to have registration forms available at each meeting. Laura agreed to have them available in the Secretary's Binder.

Education Kit: After discussion about the Wolfsville STEM day, the membership discussed having an "education kit." This would include a smoker, hive tool, old woodenware, gloves, a veil and hat, glass observation hive, brochures from the Honey Board and other items contained within a Tupperware box. Mike T. made a motion to buy/ collect these items up to \$200 total. 2nd: Glen. Dave Maloney agreed to gather this kit.

BEE DISCUSSION

Mike Turell gave an informative presentation on honey bee pheromones and the function of these pheromones for bee behavior.

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

The next meeting will be April 1st at the Fountain Rock Nature Center, Walkersville, MD. The schedule will be as followed:

- 7:00-7:30 Open discussion and social period with guest speaker, Mark Hoffman.
- 7:30-8:00 Guest speaker, Mark Hoffman, on Queen Rearing
- 8:00-8:15 Questions and discussion
- 8:15 and beyond Business meeting