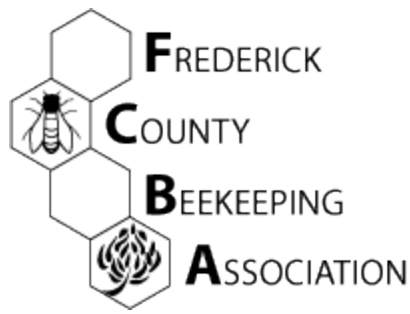


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Meeting Minutes

April 1st, 2015

The meeting started 7 PM with a question and answer session with guest speaker, Mark Hoffman, who then gave a presentation on Queen Rearing.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:40 PM by Rose Aurigemma, President at Fountain Rock Nature Center in Walkersville, MD.

There were 48 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently 200 members.

Welcome to Dave Kehne, a prospective member.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were sent out via BeesBiz prior to the meeting. No amendments were made. 1st motion: Dave Maloney; 2nd Glen. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The report was sent out prior to the meeting. Jens reminded that a budget needed to be decided for the year. Committees need to plan and submit the budget requests ASAP. 1st motion: Dave Maloney; 2nd motion: Joe The report was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Public Outreach/Education: Laura shared on Liz's behalf that there are several items for discussion and a meeting will be set up in the near future for further planning. The outreach at Wolfsville ES was a success, serving 160 students PreK-5.

Scientific: The next meeting will have a ½ hour session from 7-7:30 for newbees to ask questions and get clarifications. Rose reminded that as experienced members get into their hives, think to invite newbees in their area for added experience.

MSBA Report: Nothing at this time.

New Business:

Donated Items: Adam Finklestein recently moved south and donated some beekeeping supplies. Dave Maloney is currently housing the materials. The membership voted on options for distribution including door prize raffle (15) and yard sale (0). An equipment

swap at the Field Day was also suggested. Any interested members, bring items clearly marked with your asking price. The For Sale page on the website was also suggested as an option for selling used/ unneeded equipment.

Field Day: The Field Day will be held on Saturday, April 25th with a rain date of May 2nd. This will be a potluck event with FCBA providing paper goods and the meat. Look for an email with an RSVP in the near future.

Wolfsville ES STEM Day: John Giffin, guidance counselor at Wolfsville and a FCBA member, thanked Dave Maloney, and Laura & Weston Ritchie for representing the FCBA at his school's STEM event. Students were mesmerized by the bee discussions and all enjoyed and appreciated the day of learning.

Endorsement for Community Apiary: Bill Conyers shared the idea of a community apiary in Frederick. His research has shown them to be present in areas like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. He has been in touch with some folks at Frederick County Parks and Recreation and they thought the idea was viable with the endorsement of a non-profit organization like the FCBA. He suggested the area of Carroll Creek Park off Montevue Lane as a great space. He will need a letter from an official of the FCBA to move forward. Rose suggested the public outreach committee or a few members of the club to work with Bill to move forward with this. Concerns raised included liability (insurance contact) and hive protection (from people and critters). Joe O'Connell motioned for the FCBA to endorse and to help Bill proceed with a proposal for a Community Apiary. 2nd: Glen; unanimously approved.

The meeting ended with door prizes and cookies, and was officially adjourned at 9:10 PM.

The next meeting will be May 6th at 7:30 pm at Fountain Rock Park. A newbie social and question and answer session will precede the meeting from 7-7:30.