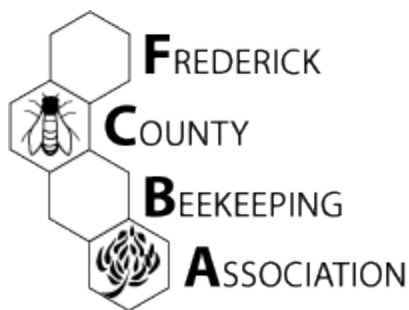


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# Meeting Minutes

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Newbees gathered at 7 PM for a question and answer social time.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Joe O'Connell, President-Elect at Fountain Rock Nature Center in Walkersville, MD.

There were 39 members in attendance constituting a quorum for the purposes of voting. Our club membership is currently 146 members.

Welcome to Lee and Diana Burdette, prospective members and Darci and Dan Eubank, short course attendees and new members.

## Secretary's Report:

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

## Treasurer's Report

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

## Committee Reports:

**Public Outreach/Education:** Liz Baker shared that the education kit has been put together and is ready for anyone who needs it. She also asked for people to consider working with this committee to support education and outreach efforts. Please let her know if you would like to help! [lizbaker99@hotmail.com](mailto:lizbaker99@hotmail.com)

**Scientific:** Liz Thompson shared there was no new news at this time. Kristien is scheduled to speak on Varroa mites at the June meeting.

**Bylaws:** No report

**Newsletter:** Laura shared on Deb Turnell's behalf, that the June newsletter will be going out by the June meeting. Please submit any recipes, articles or items of interest as soon as you have them. Deb would love a few editors to read over the draft before publishing. Let her know if you are interested. [dturnell08@comcast.net](mailto:dturnell08@comcast.net)

**MSBA Report:** No report.

**Old Business:**

**Field Day:** Kudos to all who participated in the Field Day on Saturday. Thank you to all the veterans able to attend and support the learning. The weather was great and the bees were flying!

**New Business:**

**Meeting Location:** Dave Maloney and Rose visited a possible meeting place this week. With the numbers increasing especially when speakers are scheduled, there is a need for a bigger space. Charles Schwalbe suggested and connected with the folks at the USDA Professional Development Center on TJ Drive. This space provides a well-lit parking lot, adequate seating with room for expansion and is central for everyone. Dave sent an email containing a video link if you are interested. Mike Turell made a motion to test out the new space for the June meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dave Maloney Unanimously approved.

**MP3 Questions and Clarifications:** Ed Mordan shared some need for clarification about the emails seeking support of the Maryland Pollinator Protection Program (MP3). The club would like to have one of the key player's clarifications of the program. John Klapac agreed to invite a speaker to the June meeting to provide clarification so that members can make an informed choice to support/not support the initiative when it comes around again.

**Bee Discussion:** There was lengthy discussion about the nature of swarms, ways to prevent swarming, what to do when you find a queen cell/cup and how to catch a swarm. Members also talked about appropriate times to super hives. Please remember for every question, there will be more than one OPINION! In the end, do your best to make an informed decision.

If you are a newbie, remember to reach out to veterans for help in your hives. The only stupid question is the unasked question!

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

**The next meeting will be June 3rd at 7:30 pm at the USDA Professional Development Center at 69 Thomas Johnson Drive. Directions will be emailed before the next meeting.**