

## Minutes of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association-Regular Meeting of 5/22/11

The meeting was held in the School of Conservation's Long House in Stokes Forest.

Attendance: Chris Tomlinson, Lynne Cuomo, Deb Cowell, Liz Bisaccio, Marsha Roemer, Deb Brodhecker, JC Cowell, Tom Webb, Helen Webb, Cathie Skove, John Veltri, Karen Fenczak, Gilles Fenczak, Nora Swartout, Kenneth Oesen, Patti Doell, Christa Schmidt, Nancy Olsyn, Jim Ferlauto, Dan Perez, Michele Luick, Jeff Luick, Ed Balogh, Carmine DeFalco, Harry Space, Cyndie Lucey, John Lucey, Debbie Schulaka, Vincent Fiedler, Terry Fiedler, Lorraine Ponce, Louis Ponce, Leeann Coleman, Mark Orce, Roman Osadca.

President Chris Tomlinson made the following announcements:

A Fair Committee, chaired by Deb Cowell, is being organized--a sheet is being passed around for those interested in joining this Committee.

Cocktails and Bees—informal get-togethers for drinks and bee talk. The first one will be held on 5/25/11 at 7:30 pm at The Lampost Inn in Vernon. See the website for future dates.

The NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show-Members that volunteer a total of eight hours working at the Honey Bee Booth will receive a complimentary dinner at the SCBA Holiday Dinner in November. Chris Tomlinson will keep the schedule of volunteer time slots via e-mail at [syncrostomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:syncrostomlinson@gmail.com) or his cell phone [973.222.6367](tel:973.222.6367).

SOC Hives-One hive is dead and the other is weakened by having few bees left.

Tim Schuler, State Apiarist, gave a talk on bee related subjects including varroa mite treatments, his winter death loss survey, small hive beetle, dysentery and splitting a hive. Tim gave a demonstration on splitting a hive donated by Roman Osadca. A few frames from Roman's hive were given to the remaining weak SOC hive—per Tim “it may be just the boost they need!”

The next meeting will be on 6/11/11 beginning at 12:30 pm at Cathie Skove's Honey House which will be a pot luck lunch with discussion on equipment and procedures for extracting.

Submitted by Marsha Roemer