

The regular meeting of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association was held at the School of Conservation in the Long House on 6/19/10 beginning at 10:20am.

Attendance:

Officers--President Bill Foley, 2nd Vice-President Chris Tomlinson, Secretary Marsha Roemer, Librarian Cathie Skove, Newsletter Editor Deb Brodhecker.

Members--Edward Balogh, Debbie Cowell, JC Cowell, Dan Drake, Gilles Fenczak, Jim Ferlauto, Dawn Foley, Karen Kozinski, Joe Perosa, Gary Roemer, Debbie Schulaka, Helen Webb, Tom Webb.

Chris Tomlinson presided over the meeting.

Following the meeting will be a queen rearing presentation by Ed and Mary Kosenski (E&M Gold) and a raffle of one of their queens.

Old Business:

The LCD projector has been purchased and is housed at the Brodheckers.

New Business:

The NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show begins 8/6/10. Hours are 10am to 10pm. Closing on 8/15/10 at 5pm. Any member working a cumulative total of eight hours at the bee booth will receive their dinner complimentary at our Christmas party. There are three time slots available per day (except 8/15/10). Chris Tomlinson will coordinate scheduling and can be contacted via his e-mail [syncrostomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:syncrostomlinson@gmail.com).

Deb Brodhecker stated Liz Jackson's house was recently destroyed by fire and suggested sending a \$100.00 gift card. Motion for discussion by Gary Roemer, 2d by Cathie Skove. Voted and passed.

Cathie Skove relayed the death of member Tom Sanders. A floral arrangement had been sent and the reimbursement to Cathie was approved by Bill Foley.

Cathie Skove announced she had run out of time to investigate the opportunities of the SCBA funding local scholarships. As an alternative Cathie asked the group to consider donating to Haiti through the Farmer to Farmer program. The SCBA could send funds or hive supplies to Haiti via storage in Virginia. Cathie will put the information on the SCBA website. The requested donation is \$1,000.00

Additionally, Cathie mentioned donating to the EAS Foundation for bee research. This year's project is propolis. Funds may be dedicated to a specific area of this research. Requested donation is \$4,000.00.

Bill Foley asked the group to consider research geneticist Dr. Mary Eagan. She has seen our hives at the School of Conservation and is interested in working with SCBA on research and publication. The funding would be to sponsor a research assistantship. Requested donation is \$1,500.00.

The three proposals need to be reviewed by all members. Discussion and vote will be at the next meeting. Any member interested in submitting any other proposals for donation may present them at that time.

Librarian Change:

Cathie Skove has passed the torch to JC Cowell who has volunteered his capabilities to the position of Librarian.

SOC Hives:

Chris Tomlinson reported children from the city have been to see the hives, shown much interest and urban beekeeping was discussed. Dr. William Thomas (School of Conservation) will review further utilization of the hives with SCBA officers.

JC Cowell will put together a report on the high tech aspects of installing a web cam in one of the SOC hives. Costs are approximately \$500.00 plus wiring.

Pot Luck Meeting:

The next meeting of the SCBA will be on 7/24/10 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in the Richard's Building starting at 10:00am. Attendees please bring a covered dish to share. This meeting will include the bee exhibit booth set up, pot luck lunch and a meeting.

Motion to adjourn by JC Cowell, seconded by Cathie Skove.  
The meeting ended at 11am.