



Membership Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2018
6:30 pm – Monmouth County Agriculture Building

- 6:30pm Refreshments/Networking in the Lunch Room
- 7:15pm Pledge of Allegiance
- Presentation by NJ Honey Queen Nicole Medina
 - At the September 21st Central Jersey Beekeepers Association meeting, we were pleased to have the reigning Honey Queen, Nicole Medina, as our guest! Nicole was crowned on August 4th at the New Jersey State Fair. After summarizing her busy schedule since then, and letting us know of her future plans, Nicole informed us that she will compete in the National Competition in January. Nicole encourages local clubs to have their own honey queens. Besides building confidence and educating the public, it is a powerful way to get our youth involved in Beekeeping. Good Luck, Nicole!

Old Business:

- Monmouth County Fair recap
 - Good turnout despite the weather
 - 30 Volunteers
 - First day – sold out of one lb. jars (316), sold 73 two lb. jars, 138 Bears and 48 Hot Honey
 - 7000 Honey Sticks were sold
 - Honey show participation was increased
 - 70,000 people attended the Fair
 - \$6,831.00 income - \$992.00 profit
 - Expenses included Honey Sticks and new labels
 - *The Central Jersey Beekeepers Association would like to extend many thanks to the Wilson Family who generously donated 100 pounds of jarred honey for the Monmouth County Fair. Without this donation, we certainly would not have realized the profit we gained!*
- Thompson Park Day Sunday October 14th 11am – 5pm: Volunteers needed for 2 shifts: 10:30 – 2:00 and 2:00 – 5:30. We intend to sell Honey jars, Bears, Honey Sticks and Candles. There will be honey samples and an observation hive.
- Treasurer's Report ~ Curtis Crowell – Currently our bank balance is: \$9,768.00. One extractor needs maintenance. Suggestions: new top, cradle to hold extractor when transporting. We also need 2 electric knives. Membership is in agreement that we need to buy new parts. Curtis volunteered to try to fix the top.
- Introduce New Members ~ Nicole Wagenblast

New Business:

- November Elections November 16th: November Voting: Geff described the open positions as follows:
 - **Positions to be filled are:**
 - President:** Sets the agenda of the branch and duties of the Vice Presidents, represents CJBA to the public and at the NJBA Executive Board meetings.
 - 1st VP:** Handles membership and welcome kits
 - 2nd VP:** Manages facilities
 - 3rd VP:** Manages food and raffles

Treasurer: Manages the bank accounts, transactions, reimbursements, provides financial guidance

- We meet 4 times each year as the Executive Board in addition to the General Meetings. The State Executive Board meets about 4 times each year over a web conference and usually only requires the President to attend. The more time you have to put in to organizing CJBA, the more rewarding it is. Beekeeping experience is not necessary, event planning experience helps.
- Current CJBA members interested in being on the Executive Board should attend the September 21st meeting or email Geff.Vitale@gmail.com about their interest.
Get reimbursed for the State Fall Meeting admission fee by putting **yourself** on the ballot and staying on for the duration of the election period. You will need to attend the State Meeting and provide a presentation at the CJBA November meeting regarding one of the topics from the State Meeting. Attending the Fall State Meeting is optional, reimbursement is only provided with attendance, a presentation and following through with the election in November. Each candidate will need to provide a short write up about why they are the person to be elected. Your write up will be distributed to the membership.
- Positions to be filled are: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, Treasurer
- Other New Business
 - Presentation by Guest Speaker Chris Miller ~ Rendering Wax
 - We were treated to a presentation by Chris Miller on “Rendering Wax”. Chris shared many creative ways of using wax to flavor alcohol, make balms for bee stings, using propolis as an antibiotic and making beeswax wraps, to name a few. Afterwards, members perused her table of beeswax creations while she answered many questions on how they were made.
 - Chris also shared a book with us called: **The Beekeepers Lab** by Kim Lehman which has multiple ideas and crafts using beeswax.
 - A brief discussion followed regarding our 501c 3 status.
 - Brochures needed
 - Google software to run organization
 - Tax Free purchases
 - Creating an Education Foundation

Distribution of Membership Kits for New Members

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. Next meeting will be Friday, November 16, 2018.

**Respectfully submitted,
Angela Juffey, Secretary**