

New Jersey Beekeeping Association
State Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Spring Meeting June 2, 2007
Snyder Farm Pittstown

SUMMARY

- Meeting dedicated to the memory of Mike Valosin, past president of the NJBA (1966-67) who passed away recently
- President Bea Tassot thanked the Northwest Branch for hosting the meeting
- minutes of the last meeting were read in summary form, and accepted as read.
- total assets: 12,452
- 497 auction 1345 meeting fees, net profit after expense of just over 400 on the Winter Meeting
- EAS: Dave Peregmon reminded members of the upcoming EAS meeting at the University of Delaware Aug 6-10 (conference 9-11). Members are encouraged to go, as this meeting is quite close to us here in NJ. Dave announced that his term as NJ EAS director is up and if anyone else would like to take that position they should contact Bea, otherwise Dave would be willing to continue in this role. (There are 3 meetings per year, plus a conference).
- National Honey Board- the HB speaker took ill on departing from Denver airport and was unable to attend. Charles Ilsely will walk us through the PowerPoint slides that were provided in advance for the talk. There will be a referendum in December for a packer/importer board that would eliminate the role of the local beekeeper, so Stan's possible replacement (Bea Tassot or Grant Stiles) will be addressed until the referendum results are in.
- By-Laws Changes Proposed:
 - incorporate mission statement
 - specify one secretary from each branch to be a member of the NJBA executive board
 - Term Limits: change would permit incumbent to stay in office past their nominal term limit if there is no one else who is nominated for the position.
 - Husband and wife membership changed to "Family" membership
 - Life Membership artifact regarding branch payments for life members to be removed.
 - Changes to be published in the next newsletter within 60 days of the next GM meeting.
- State Apiarist: Bea was involved in selection of potential candidates, and the State is determining how to resolve a conflict involving the NJDA's code of ethics which prohibits the State Apiarist from being in the pollination business. Once this issue is resolved, hopefully soon, the state will be able to make fill this position.
- Landi Simone- Farmland Assessment and Right to Farm Laws: Landi reports that current laws are not particularly beneficial towards beekeeping, with irregular interpretations by tax assessors across the state. Senator Litell is reviewing these runs and Landi is looking to put our "two cents" in as beekeepers to try and make the rules more beneficial to our interests.
- Honey Bee Advisory Board: Names have been submitted to Carl Schulze.

- **Honey Queen: Nicole Wagenblast reported no requests for fairs or festivals received yet for this year.**
- **HR 1709 Pollinator Protection Act: A resolution (attached) was approved for distribution to all congressional representatives from New Jersey. Suggestions as to how individual members may also send this on to their representative will be in the next newsletter and on the website.**
- **Jersey Fresh gave the NJBA \$1,000 in matching funds for 2007**