

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture
November 22, 2016
Minutes

In attendance: Rieks Bruins, Robin Bruins, Marty Bullock, Pat Butch, Bill Carney, Ross Clayton, Dale Cruzan, Gary DeFelice, Gabi Grunstein, Wicki Hom, Bill McCormack, Leah McCormack, Matt Newman, Lori Neyhart, Randy Peck, Bill Sciarra, Ed Wengryn, Jim Wikoff,

Bill McCormack called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Jim Wikoff moved to accept the minutes of the October meeting. This motion was seconded by Pat Butch and approved.

Marty Bullock moved to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. Seconded by Pat Butch, the motion was approved.

Correspondence

FFA

Allentown reported on that two teams attended the National FFA Convention – Ag Mechanics and Farm Business. Fruit and Vegetable and Milk teams performed well at Fall CDEs. Upcoming fundraising events are the Citrus Sale, Thanksgiving centerpieces, and Poinsettias. Gratitude was expressed for our sponsorship of five convention attendees.

Monmouth Co. VoTech also competed in Fall CDEs with success in Turf Grass and Fruits and vegetables, wreaths and centerpieces, which placed first. They reported that \$900/chapter was raised at the Farm Stand at the Monmouth Co. Fair. The officers thanked us for our support.

4-H

October 29, 2016 was the Alumni Dinner. December 11th Santa will arrive in the building sponsored by the Horse Advisory. Movie Night will be provided by the Small Animal Advisory on December 16th. Matt Newman will attend the 4-H National Congress as a chaperone. Citizen Focus is also on the calendar.

FSA

Guaranteed Easy Loans are available. County Committee Elections ballots will be resent. You can sign up for our newsletters and text message service by contacting Gabi. Text: FSAnow NJ

Ag Development Board

Hog Farm versus Manalapan and the Den Holderner issues are on the agenda.

Farm Bureau

Current issues include: minimal care of animals, \$15/hour wage, and the within 3 mile of bee hives pesticide use notification.

RCE

The new extension initiative is that disseminated research will expand to health issues.

Board of Managers

Tours will be scheduled for early Spring, specific dates should be available at the next meeting. A listening session is scheduled for humane standards of livestock.

Old Business

Farm Bureau convention is posted on line.

Our Annual Dinner date will be March 2, 2017. Cocktail Hour at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00.

New Business

George Asprocolas has been nominated as the farmer representative to the Fish and Wildlife Council.

Trip to South Africa by FFA members was discussed.

Marty Bullock moved to roll over the investment in the Farm Bureau promissory note. Seconded by Pat Butch, this motion was approved.

The nomination of Jac Roszel as the State Board Distinguished Ag Service Award recipient was not able to be submitted because the due date had been reached.

Committee sign up

Robin Bruins moved to contribute \$350 to the Farm Bureau Woman's Committee Fall Harvest Drive program. Seconded by Marty Bullock, this motion was approved.

We were the second county to meet quota.

Send Gary DeFelice an email at defelice83@aol.com if you plan to sit at the Monmouth County table during the State Ag Convention dinner. You must be registered with the convention in order to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marty Bullock and seconded by Gary DeFelice. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Bruins