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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

4000 Kozloski Rd., Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2012

Called Order 7:36 pm

Invocation: Robin Bruins

Attendance:

James Asprocolas, George Asprocolas, Rieks Bruins, Robin Bruins, Pat Butch, Ross Clayton, Gary DeFelice, Patrick DePalma, Stuart Faunce, Wickie Hom, Debi Kauffman, Diane Larson, Bill McCormick, Nyna McKittrick, Hal Rifkin, Angelo Trapani, Anna Trapani, Bill Sciarappa, Bill Walker, Ed Wengryn.

Guest: Colby Rothstein

Correspondence-State FFA Association. A motion was made to donate \$500.00 to the state FFA to be distributed equally among the 4 Monmouth County Chapters. Robin Bruins 2nd. Approved

Robin Bruins – Regarding the Stars and Stripes Livestock Show, held at Burlington County Ag Center this year on July 2. Asking to be supported to the State Board of Agriculture for Ag Fair status, and to be able to use the livestock pens at the fair as they have in the past. A motion was made by Anna Trapani to give the fair \$1500.00. Pat Butch 2nd. Approved

Treasures Report read by Ross Clayton motion to accept by Nyna McKittrick, Robin Bruins 2nd. Approved

Secretary Report Submitted by Nyna McKittrick motion to accept by Marty Bullock with the following correction, " NJ is 6th in members, and 1st in farmer members", and Bill Sciarappa's report needed to reflect in the last sentence, " and create extension materials", Ross Clayton 2nd. Approved

Reports:

Bill Sciarappa RCE- The County Budget is being released. Warmest winter ever. Monmouth County's is zones 7A & B on the weather map. Monmouth County leads the state in soil tests. Insect activity is one month ahead of schedule. USDA grant to study basil varieties. Stamp out canker campaign – have your seed cleaned at extension. Open Space Pace Sept. 29.

Bill Walker, Department of Agriculture- 3rd warmest winter in 150 years, causing crops to be three weeks ahead of schedule. Jersey Grown pilot program now includes annuals. The Department's animal health lab has moved to Ewing with expanded services in bio security, potential pathogens and necropsy. The Emerald Ash Borer is in Pennsylvania. Plastic Pesticide Collection continuing. New product using clams called " Sea Clam Meal" could boost nutrition and sales numbers for clammers. The FFA horticultural competition was held on March 16th, Monmouth County FFA students placed highly in the competition.

Ed Wengryn Farm Bureau- FB policies and the DEP Highlands issues are current topics. The governor is expected to make new appointments. SADC- Farm marketing AMP comments. Minimum wage bill the consensus among legislative sponsors is to change the wording. FB compiled wage info from surrounding states for comparison. It is important to have the profit and loss tax document to prove income for Right to Farm issues.

Pat Butch- Board of Managers- Presentations on fish tracking in Tuckerton. "Ag in the Middle" 5% of NJ Farms meet this description which represents agricultural entities that have sales of 250,000 to 1,000,000 dollars. They hold 25% of the land. Replacing retiring Extension agents and losing the most experienced people. New president at Rutgers with whom the BOM hopes to be able to speak to soon. Online fertilizer applicators certification program has had 1000 participants.

Anna Trapani- Fair- The Board will have more space due to Mr. Tilton bringing in fewer tractors than other years.

FFA- Stuart Faunce- CASE program met with Representative Chris Smith for a tour in Washington DC. May 22-24 is the state convention at Rutgers. May 28th is The Allentown parade which FFA will participate in. May 19th Annual dinner, \$10.00 donation at the Hope Fire House at 6:00. Doors open at 1pm. They will be an Allis Chalmers Model G tractor auction.

New Business- Southern Caucus made a report of the needs of South Jersey. Gary and Pat met with New Jersey reps. using the report developed from the meeting with Dr. Katz. Discussion on a summer Picnic July 12, 2012.

New Business: Bill Sciarappa presented the Board with a pamphlet regarding Open Space Pace that indicated financial levels of sponsorship for the event to be held on September 29, 2012. Anna Trapani made a motion to pledge \$1,000.00 sponsorship level and consider taking out an ad in event's journal; seconded by Robin Bruins. Discussion ensued, Ann amended her motion to pledge up to \$2,000.00, investigating as to what level of sponsorship plus an ad would give the best exposure for the Board; Rieks Bruins seconded the amended motion. Motion carried by vote. 9:50 PM Angelo Trapani made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marty Bullock.

Motion to Adjourn: Ang. Trapani, 2nd Pat Butch. Approved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nyna McKittrick