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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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

Monmouth County Board of Agriculture
Minutes of December 16, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:43 p.m.

Invocation: Don Pyle

Attendees: Ross Clayton, Doc Dey, Gary DeFelice, Ed Wengryn, Wickie Hom, Robin Burins, Boots Ciassie Pat DePalma, Angelo & Anne Trapani, Doug Kauffman, Scott Ellis, Ellen Williams, Jim Wikoff Bill Walker, Bob Freiberger, Don Pyle, Bill Sciarappa, Tom Freiberger

Guests: Peter & Myong Dellera, Strawberry Festival Loins Club,
Nick DeMairo, Freedom Fest Fair Chair

Minutes from last meeting, Motion to Accepted by: Jim Wikoff, Seconded by: Doc Dey

Treasurer Report read by Ross Clayton. Motion to Accept by Don Pyle, Seconded by: Doc Dey
Accepted by the Board

Correspondence:

- ❖ Membership renew for NJ Farmers Direct Marketing Association
- ❖ FFA Thank you for the donation made by the Board.

Guest Speakers: Peter Dellera spoke to the Board about the Strawberry Festival in Oceanport and how the proceeds raised at the yearly event help unfortunate people in the area. Over the past 10 years the fair has incorporated the Ag community in its affair. With the help of many Ag supports like Monmouth County Board of Agriculture, NJ Department of Ag and Bill Sciarappa this has been a great success.

Nick Demairo and Robin Burins spoke to the Board about the Freedom Fest and how this has grown over the years. The program started as a church mission and has become an annual event. Local farmers and Ag businesses also give a huge hand with donations and support. Recently the event include NJ Department of Agriculture with the Jersey Fresh program and more Ag programs for all ages.

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Reports

Bill Sciarappa Recent Extension meeting led to more cuts in jobs plus the request to give back funding that was given to the department. Research farms will be getting cut even more and the plan is to work more with the Extension and volunteers until things improve. FFA had a great session more and more students are getting sharper and sharper with information. The NJVGA conference is coming up and have joined with MADMC this year with a great schedule.

Bill Walker November 12, 08 the department announced an agreement to preserve almost 1900 acres in Salem County. Recently 100 students completed the 3rd beginners' bee keeping program at Rutgers. At the interest to continue learning the art of bee keeping, the development of an advanced level class is in the works for the future. Food Safety being very important these days a Brochure on complying with health regulations for prepared foods is available. New members take seats on the State Board of Agriculture, Andrew Borisuk Jr and Henry D. DuBois Jr. will start their 4 yr term. Also growers are encouraged to add their farms to the newly formed agritourism web site, www.visitnjfarms.org. You can list all your farm information and hours on the site and its free advertising.

Ed Wengryn This being a continuation of the past year the legislative calendar is quite, with committees doing the usual. Hot topic it the Youth Driver License and what are the regulations for farm use. Assembly man Fisher has introduced a bill to help the youth with the issue. With the DEP commissioner leaving to work with the President Elect some changes are occurring in Trenton.

Scott Ellis New members to be sworn in for open seats. Dec 15 is the deadline for applications for the Ag Secretary position. Things have been going well at the state level for the time being, looking forward to the new year.

Ellen Williams Would like the Board to have a column in the 4-H newsletter. Asked if there are any projects that a 4-H club could do to help any farms or farmers connected with the Board. Recently Debbie McCandless became the President of the 4-H Alumni for Monmouth County. Jan 10, 2009 the Pomona Grange Awards are at the Farmingdale Grange on Rt 33. More information please call the office.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm
Minutes recorded & typed by: Debi Kauffman

Reorganization Meeting

Motion to open nomination meeting was made by Don Pyle 2nd by Doc Dey
New meeting was opened at 9:25 pm for nominations of new officers. The slate was presented by Jim Wikoff
President – Tom Freiburger, Vice President – Gary DeFelice, Treasurer – Ross Clayton,
Recording Secretary—Debi Kauffman, Corresponding Secretary – Nyna McKittrick
No Floor nominations
Motion was made by Don Pyle and 2nd by Doc Dey and moved by the Board to accept the slate of officers

New members were voted in Debbie McCandless, Ann & Angelo Trappani, and Boots Cassie.
Motion made by Jim Wikoff and 2nd by Doc Dey and moved by the Board. Welcome to all.
Meeting was Closed at 9:40

Next Meeting January 20, 2009

Happy & Safe New Year to All