

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association

October 10, 2017

Secretary's Report - Minutes on website - thanks to John L. for doing the September Minutes, nicely done!

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1,758.29

Attendance - 22

Old Business -

Purchases -- none

Committees - Children's Museum - bees absconded
Please send any photos to Deb S. for the record book
Maywood - bees gone

New Business -

- NPR had an program on neonics and their effects -
<http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2017/06/29/534852611/pesticides-are-harming-bees-but-not-everywhere-major-new-study-shows>

Correspondence - People have been calling with "honey bees" in their houses, etc. Not honey bees. Some discussion as to how to handle this, most feel that it's good PR to help people out. Encourage them to look at our Bee ID tab on the website.

<http://sheboyganbees.org/scba/bee-id/>

Q & A Discussion -

- What should we be doing this month? Come to the meeting.
- Install Entrance reducers to keep mice, etc. out of hives - sold at Fleet- also make reducers from 3/8 hardware cloth.
- If I use a Mouse guard, should I still use a reducer? - *yes because of yellow jackets.*
- How to prevent mildew - *make sure you have top ventilation so the air will circulate, then you won't have condensation.*
- When is a good time to start putting the bees into a shed for the winter? *When the bees aren't flying anymore. Move away from existing location. Garry S puts them in in December, when it starts to get cold and stays cold. Needs to be totally dark. Keep*

the hive off the ground. Put bales of straw next to them, a good foot and a half of air space around them.

Hive report - yellow jackets and bumble bees, hive beetles.....cedar chips in the hives

Program - None this month

Book Report – Annette S. – Beekeeping, the Gentle Craft by John F. Adams Good book if you are thinking about keeping bees. Basic information. He gives you different things to think about, if you are a good fit to keep bees, if you want to go through the trouble of keeping bees.

Honeybee Democracy by Thomas Seeley – also check out his videos on Youtube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpzashYMSfU>

Refreshments were provided by Terry Z and Sheila W

Motion to adjourn by Anne S
Seconded by Dan P

Next Meeting - November 14th at 6:30 PM - Holiday Potluck and BINGO

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen.