

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association

March 14, 2017

Secretary's Report - Minutes on website - Minutes since October, 2016

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1,704.22

Attendance - 42

Old Business -

- The hives at Maywood and Children's Museum both have bees that died over winter.
- We are planning a Winery Tour at SoLue Estate Winery and Meadery in Cascade (<http://www.soluestate.com/>) for our August meeting. We will get more information on this from Sue B.
- Just a reminder, the club has an Extractor available - for \$5 a day - if you are interested in using the extractor, contact Ralph Worm.
- Dan Pitsch has the materials for demos.

Purchases - [The Bees in Your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees](#) has been added to our library.

Committees - Report on February meeting. This was a first time endeavor for our club. It was an Introduction to Beekeeping. There was a presentation on different kinds of bees. They went over equipment. There were lots of Q & A. It was a good turnout; we should do it again next year. Garry thought that perhaps next time there is more opportunity for Q & A. That seemed to be what the people were looking for. The committee that worked on the February meeting mentioned that they were looking into that for next year. Thanks to the committee for taking the time to put this together.

New Business -

- Annette had new books that we donated and added to our Library. The new listings will be added to the website.
- Annette also said that she checked and we may meet earlier if we want. Evidently, the club had been told earlier that we could not meet before 7 p.m. **After discussion, Dan P. made a motion, seconded by Garry S. to change the meeting times for the club - to start at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM.** It appears that the custodial staff will also be glad to have the time changed.
- Debbie Spangler - is our new historian, she has a beautiful "scrapbook" that she is putting together for the SCBA. Be sure to look it over when you are at the next

meeting. She has done a wonderful job. Also, she is looking for any PICTURES to add to it. If you do a presentation, please see that she gets the information. I would also like it for the website.

- Garry Oreskovic has invited the SCBA to visit Honey Land Farms on Sept 12, 2017 at 7p.m. Members should go directly to the farm instead of the ADRC building in Falls. Honey Land Farms is located at N3139 Highview Rd, Cascade, WI 53011 We will double check the time, with the new time change for our club this year.
- Bookworm gardens wants a pollinator day again - Dan P.

Correspondence -

- Article - Z Publishing contacted Kurt about writing an article about the SCBA for a publication that they are writing,
- Dan took care of the lady that wanted pictures, etc., for a program.

Q & A Discussion

- What should we be doing with our hives? When warm, start feeding them. Sugar solution - 2 parts sugar to 1 part water. Clean dead clusters out of there before you get new bees.
- Various classes out there. Places to check would be..... LTC Honey Bee Ware Woodland Dunes Brown County Beekeepers giving class (check their website). Here is the link for suppliers on our website, check it out.
<http://sheboyganbees.org/scba/links/>
- Informational items - Books - (*Beekeepers for Dummies* was highly recommended) YouTube has many videos regarding Beekeeping.
- Order bees.....Fleet Farm.....Honey Bee Ware.....Honey Land Farms.....Carl Wesley in Green Bay
- It was suggested that if you are starting a brand new hive - order a nuc instead of a package. It was also brought up that when you purchase a nuc, you are also purchasing possibilities of mites, beetles, being in there with the nucs.
- Will there be a collective delivery from Honey Bee Ware so people don't have to drive up there? We hope to hear from Wayne on this.
- Someone wants to split a hive next month?? Is it too early? Mid-April?? It's best to then to have the hives 2 to 3 miles from each other.

Hive report - Lots of "no" survivors.

Program - Garry explained how to build an escape board, a device to evict bees from supers before extracting honey in the fall.

Book Report - None

Refreshments were provided by Sheila Wettstein

Motion to adjourn - Garry S.

Seconded by Kevin K.

Next Meeting - April 11th at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen