

# Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association

August 9, 2016

Secretary's Report - Minutes on website - no corrections

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1,897.70

Attendance - 44

## Old Business -

- Maywood hive was about to swarm, Sheila took care of that.
- Children's museum has a hive outside of the hive. Ken is looking into that.
- Having an additional meeting month, in February, 2017. Kurt is looking into getting approval for use of the room.
- Ideas for a program for February, details to follow. Amanda and Garry will put together a plan.

Committee Reports - N/A

Purchases - reimbursements for June picnic

## New Business -

- Sign-up for the WI Honey Producers convention - sign up early registration by 9-30<sup>th</sup>. Convention is November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac. - give newest treatments. WIhoney.org has information, and Kurt will scan the registration form and email to the membership.
- Kurt and Kathy went to WI/Minnesota Honey Producers convention in Minneapolis.
- Sue mentioned the SoLu Winery in Cascade - they make Mead with grape flavoring. Solu mead and wine - tours and tasting, is located west of Honey Land Farms. Sue will contact them about the possibility of having a 2017 meeting there. (Field trip!) Check out their website..... <http://www.soluestate.com/>
- Kurt mentioned that Capitol Bee Supply was a vendor at the Minneapolis Honey Convention. They are located in Madison, at the time of this printing, their website wasn't working. <http://www.capitalbeesupply.com/>

Correspondence - Kurt has forward any correspondence to the membership. Ken will contact Camp Anokijig..... Mary is going to Plymouth for a presentation to the Garden Club.

## Q & A Discussion

- What to do this month. Check to see if there is any more honey coming in, or if it's time to take it off. Normally harvest in September. If boxes are high, take off lower boxes. Some people wait until November, so the bees will take down what they need for winter. Watch for yellow jackets.
- What is the latest to do a cut out of a wall? Usually the beginning of September.
- Oxalic acid, could we talk about it again. If it's used in late fall, should we use apiguard? If you use the oxalic acid every 2 weeks, 3 applications, you should have a need for the apiguard.
- Milwaukee probiotic product. It is not a treatment, more like a supplement. It is focused on rebuilding the gut microbes that bees have. A nutritional supplement .....Beepods is working with them, using them as a baseline.
- I have 2 queens in one hive, 1 inside, 1 outside.
- What is the going price for honey. Marshall gas station, Gary from Honey Land is charging \$4.29 pound. Farmer's market in Dundee \$7.00 pound.

Hive report - Not at this meeting

Program - Top Bar Hives for Pollination - Presented by Brad James from Sustainable Beekeeping. Brad showed his Beepod and explained their beekeeping methods. They believe in producing a natural environment that keeps the bees healthy, without a concern for actual honey production. [beekeeping@beepods.com](mailto:beekeeping@beepods.com) 608-728-8233  
Their recipe for Honey Bee Healing Tea is on their "blog", on their website.

Book Report - None

Refreshments were provided by Amanda Strojinc and Jacky Drewry. Thanks so much, ladies!

Motion to adjourn - Kevin  
Second - Sheila

Next Meeting - September 13th  
Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen