

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association

September 13, 2016

Secretary's Report - Minutes on website - no corrections

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1,997.74

Attendance - 42

Old Business -

- Sheboygan County Honey Queen. We would like to consider another honey queen in the future. We need a mentor before we consider that, and have a selection process in mind. If interested in being a mentor, people should talk to Mary Gross about the responsibilities and any suggestions. Costs for the Honey Queen.....gas and mileage, no gratuities for presentations, she paid out of pocket for a dress or suit and supplies.
- Jackie D. made a motion, seconded by Mark B. to give Jenny a reimbursement of \$200 for her year as Sheboygan County Honey Queen, passed.
- The Discovery Children's museum hive on outside of building has been removed; it did have a queen and is now in Cascade.
- The Maywood hive was reduced in August.
- Members of SCBA had two firsts and a second for honey for Sheboygan County Fair.
- For a February 2017 meeting, the room is available. Garry S. and Amanda S. will present a program. Others interested should contact Garry or Amanda to help and make suggestions.
- Winery tour for 2017. We'll wait for information from Sue B. It's on the Corner of A and F.

Committee Reports - None

Purchases - None

New Business -

- Floyd Jacks donated books for our library. Thanks!
- For 2017 and 2018, we need new officers. Vice president, secretary, treasurer and librarian. Sheila is the president for 2017 and 2018. A sign up was passed around; this will be discussed and voted on at the October meeting.
- Ralph Worm has an extractor for sale. \$275. Kurt made a motion for the club to purchase, Mary Gross seconded. \$5/day to use for club members. Motion passed. Ralph will house it.
- Bumble bees at someone's house.

- Suggestion not to purchase nucs in the future, packages might be healthier.
- Use of cane sugar.....Mary used bee tea honey to feed her bees. They love it.

Q & A Discussion

- What to do this month. Pull honey, make sure that the hives have weight, or feed them. Make sure they are queen right (before cold weather). Check for mites in August.
- When should I harvest honey? As soon as you can. If you leave honey, take out the queen extruder. Early September is good because honey hasn't crystalized. Pull earlier if capped.
- To lower moisture percent in harvested honey. Put into an empty refrigerator with light bulb, 75W to 114 degrees, and leave in there for 3-4 days. In 5 gallon pails open. Refractometer to check moisture.
- Considering moving hives into a shed, advice, when should we do it? Old chicken coop. Tar paper over windows, no light in building. Middle of December, before snow. Gives bees fumigilin, in March warm spell, take hives out for cleansing flight.
- Strong hives, no honey. ?? No idea - could be location. Bees might be eating honey to raise their young. Might be the queen.
- Oxalic acid, how long do you have to wait to harvest? A day or so. It dissipates quickly.
- What to do with honey that ferments. If anyone has fermented honey, Kurt will buy it.
- Bees on hummingbird feeders, should I put honey on hives. Check the hives to see how much honey is in there. Feed your bees.
- 9 small hives going into winter. 1 deep. Put into a building, insulate it, keep temperature in the 20s, and make sure that they have plenty of honey, they might survive.
- Wasp problems, Mary has killed thousands with the yellow traps. 100% grape juice, works well.

Hive report - various results - mostly good.

Program - Kurt Petersen - Method for extracting honey that has gotten cold. Kurt made a box that with the help of a fan/heater, circulates warm air. Supers are put on top of the box/heater, and the heat travels up the supers and warms the honey.

Al Garside shared an insert that allows someone to have a 2 queen hive.

Book Report - Amanda ABC and XYZ of Honey Bee Culture, is like an encyclopedia, every term about bees, history of beekeeping, different bee species, colors of honey, different styles of hives, mites, queen rearing new beekeepers.....guides for harvesting techniques, extracting, judging honey, just about anything that you can think of.

Refreshments were provided by Jean Wilke and Jim/Betty Kuplic

Motion to adjourn - Kevin K.

Second - Ray N.

Next Meeting - October 11th

Book report - Mary G.

Program - Bee Venom Therapy - Jeff and June Cole

Refreshments - Ralph C. and Sue B.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen.