

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
March 13, 2018

Secretary's Report - No Minutes from November, 2017 - Holiday Potluck

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - Savings -\$950.51; checking \$827.62 (total \$1778.13)

Attendance - 36

Old Business -

- Please send Photos or articles to Debbie S. for the scrapbook.
- Librarian - no new books. We need to check with Annette as to where the books are kept so if someone wants to check one out, they are available.
- Maywood bees are still alive - ordering new queens.
- Children's Museum - bees absconded in August. Will need attention (Ken)
- May 19th tentative trip to Honey Land farms to see queen rearing (Kurt will check with Garry). See below for details.
- Shirts - look at having a club shirt, logos will be sent to membership.
- February meeting for people looking for help with setting up new hives. The program was much like last year - edited down - 15 people attended. We will do more advertising next year.
- Fairs - County fair - they would like us to do something. Keep it in mind, it would be great to make the community more aware of our club.
- State Fair - running the honey booth. Keep in mind. Kurt will contact Tracy M.
- Purchase name tags (I will purchase name tags for this year; everyone seemed to like the concept.)

Purchases - None

New Business -

- Kurt and Kathy attended the Southeastern District Honey Producers meeting in West Bend on March 3rd. The big consensus is treating your bees for mites. We are all the problem if we don't treat. The mites are winning. If our bees travel to another hive to "rob" the hive, they will be carrying mites.

Correspondence - Kurt received an email from Kohler/Andre State Park---June 18th starts National Pollinators week. Dan P. will do a presentation.

Q & A

- What should we be doing this month? Order bees, check hives, clean hives. Use Honey B Healthy
- Dead hive - bees will clean it out, and also moldy hives
- Worry about hives - take out moldy pollen, scrape it down. Wax moths, get rid of them they eat the wood and the frames, burn the frames. Watch for wax moth webs.
- Nosema - get rid of that, get rid of equipment or put it in the sun to burn off. Set frames out in sunlight for a few hours, and that should take care of the spores. Use fumagellen to keep nosema away over winter.
- Foul brood, burn the frames. Scorch the boxes.
- Mite treatment, what do people use? WHPA is coming out with a program with suggestions specific to Wisconsin. We will put it on the website. It's imperative to do some treatment. (Kurt will get that information for posting on the website.)
- Using ley lines (lines where water runs) have less mites. Kurt will check on his water witching article.
- Necessary things to start beekeeping. There are starter kits available. Most major beekeeping supply catalogues have beginner kits.
- Top bar hives. Bees build a lot of comb and cross-comb; should use a cutter to loosen the wax.
- Dadant in Watertown charges better shipping charges, everything is shipped from Watertown, but if you order through their Illinois office the fees will be higher.

Hive report - Lots of bee loss this winter - Mite treatments are necessary.

Program - None this month

Book Report - None this month

Refreshments were provided by Garry, Ken, and Kathy

Motion to adjourn by Ray
Seconded by Terry Z.

Next Meeting - April 10th at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen.

I received this today - 3/14/18

The East Central WI Beekeepers Association invites your club to attend a FREE presentation by pilot Damon Reabe about the role of aerial applications in integrated pest management while protecting pollinators like the honey bees. Damon does a great job explaining the pesticides that are used, which ones are harmful or not, and the lengths he goes to in order to protect honey bees. This is sure to be an informative and educational presentation. I would ask that you please notify your club members of this opportunity. I have attached the poster of the event if you would like to share it. The details of the event are as follows:

Aerial Applications Presentation by Damon Reabe
Hosted by East Central WI Beekeepers Association
Caestecker Public Library
518 Hill St, Green Lake WI
Saturday, March 17th, 9:30am

Hope to see you there!

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Patti Ingram
Secretary ECWBA

Kurt talked to Garry O. of Honey Land Farms today. He is still taking orders for bees. You can contact him at 262-689-1000.

2# packages are \$110, 3# are \$125, 3 frame nucs are \$120, 4 frame nucs are \$144, 5 frame nucs are \$ 159.50. Queens are \$28.50. Packages normally come in mid to late April, nucs early May.

Garry will be doing a May program at Honey Land Farms on Saturday, May 5th. He will be doing queen grafting, and the following Saturday, May 12th he will be doing queen rearing. Depending upon interest and attendance, he may do a 3rd Saturday.