

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
May 8, 2018

Secretary's Report - posted online accepted

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

Attendance - 45

We prefaced the meeting with a presentation on pollinators by Thelma Heidle-Baker of the Xerces Society. It was a great program.

Old Business

- Members were asked to contact Kathy P. and vote for their favorite t-shirt - H had the highest vote. Sheila is thinking about having a display at the June picnic and giving everyone there a chance to vote one more time.
- Some people are waiting for nucs.
- Dan P. got his bees at Heritage bees in Sullivan - both Dan and Garry S. had a pleasant experience dealing with them - very accommodating.
- Ordering bees as a club was discussed again. We will continue working on that, and possibly doing Heritage bees. Manitowoc uses them. We could order in conjunction with the Manitowoc Bee Club. Perhaps if the order were large enough, Heritage might deliver. It will be looked into.
- Food Fair in Plymouth on this Saturday, the 12th - Bonnie H. is setting up something - would like a beekeeper to assist her and do a demonstration. If you can help out, call Bonnie.
- We are working on getting the Membership directory on the website. Only club members would have the password to access the directory. We can update membership information quickly this way. We will send out an email asking members for permission to do this with their information, and also ask what information we may include.

Purchases - (We forgot to address this. Kathy purchased name tags and markers. The club seemed to like the idea of name tags.)

Correspondence - none

New Business

- Ag Venture tent at the Sheboygan County Fair in Plymouth. John L. went to a meeting regarding the tent, and our participation. It will be during the Fair, Labor Day weekend, Thursday thru Monday.
- Wednesday or Thursday AM would be set-up. The booth would have to be ready by 12:00 PM Thursday.

- Friday, Saturday, Sunday hours are 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday hours are 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 2 people at a time would be preferred (4 hour shifts)
- Whoever helps would get a free pass for the day.
- 9 people said they would help so we will commit to the tent, and work out details at a future meeting. Thank you John for organizing this.
- We are planning on volunteering for the State Fair in West Allis. We have 5 people that have committed, and August 8th seems to be the best day. If you would like to volunteer for the Wisconsin Honey Producers there, please let us know. Volunteers get a free pass for that day at the Fair. We are planning on the morning session. We need 12 volunteers, so please let us know if you'd like to help.
- Dan P. said that we are almost out of coloring books to take along with demonstrations. Jeff Meyer is going to look into purchasing 200 coloring books from Dadant - Dan moved to accept, and John L. seconded. Vote carried
- John L. reserved the shelter in Rochester Park in Falls for our June 12th picnic. Dan H. will get the key.
- Brenda S. is looking for someone to talk about bees on the Garden Tour. Call Dan P. for information.
- American Bee Journal - through Dadant - may offer items to the club for raffle uses.
- Sue B has a possibility of another meeting spot in Kohler - Klub 55. Their room holds 100 and is \$25 per year for non-profit. Kurt and Kathy P. will check it out.
- Picnic is June 12th - bring a dish to pass, and utensils for your dish if needed. Those that are going to start the grilling, please be at the park by 4:30 PM. The picnic starts at 6:30. The club provides meat and soda. Please bring Bingo prizes. Someone remember to bring charcoal to begin grilling at 4:30.
- Ken M. handed out new membership cards. If you were not at the meeting, please see Ken the next time you come and get yours. Thanks to Ken for all his time making and laminating the cards!

Q & A Discussion

- Queen excluder - high
- What is the preferred mite routine - test first -formic, thymol, then oxalic acid.

Hive report - not tonight because of time.

Program **Thelma Heidel-Baker, Ph.D.** Conservation Biological Control Specialist, Xerces Society. Her program, on pollinators, was very interesting.

Book report: Garry S - Garry will do this in July

Refreshments - Linda N. and Anne S. (thanks ladies!)

Motion to adjourn - Dan P.

Second - Kevin K.

Next meeting, June 12th, Picnic in Rochester Park, families are invited. BRING BINGO PRIZES!

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen