

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
August 14, 2018

Secretary's Report - Minutes for July were sent out and are posted on the website. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report - Savings -\$950.66; checking \$863.58

Motion to approve by Garry S., seconded by Ray N.

Attendance - 34

Old Business

- Dan P - t-shirt. Carl D has been working on it. O'Callahan's can work with it. Looking into digital programs to work on parts of logo. A sand color looks nice for the background. \$10 per shirt. \$30 set-up fee. It would be a heat transfer. Could maybe do it as an embroidery on a polo shirt for about \$20 each. Dan P. made a motion to do the set-up fee. I didn't get who seconded it. Passed, and Carl will get info to Kathy and I will send it out to the membership.
- Sheboygan County Fair AgVenture Tent - I will contact John L. who was heading this up.
- Klub 55 - Kurt P. - We are going to have the October meeting there, to get the membership's opinion for having meetings there in the future. These are notes from Kurt and Kathy's visit there this afternoon.
 - Room size is 40' x 26'
 - Chairs - new last year
 - Will seat 100 in chairs
 - They have 6 or 7 tables
 - Does have A/C
 - No janitor on premises - we clean up after ourselves. Police are in the same building.
 - We do our own set-up, and put it away.
 - Technology - they have a screen and projector - no laptop
 - \$25/year
 - Parking - 20 spaces in the lot right behind it, more parking in the Police lot on the north side.
 - If we would like, we could have our October meeting there and see what the club thinks.

- **Discussion on having the October meeting at Klub 55, people would like to go there and try it.**
 - The downside is that they have voting in that room. For example, tonight's meeting would have to have been rescheduled, because there is voting in the room.
- Maybe we could check on the Miley Barn for meetings in the future.
- WI State Fair -Volunteers included Anne, Ray and Linda, Julie, Sheila, Kurt and Kathy, Kris, Lois and Carl, Garry S. and Grace. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the experience and said they would be interested in doing it again next year. Kurt made a motion to reimburse members for their parking expense down there (\$12), Terry Zerger seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence - none

New Business

- Nourish of Sheboygan is scheduled to do the program in September; they might also take us to have a look at the Miley Barn in Falls (by the Elementary and Middle Schools).
- Honey regulations - no sweetener added?? - Garry O. will investigate this further.

Q & A Discussion - Hive report

- What should I be doing this month?
 - Check for mites, once a month from now on. Treat and recheck a week later so you know that the treatment worked.
- Why would a newly installed package abscond in spring.
 - If no brood, the queens might leave. Or something wrong with queens that they didn't start laying.
- Do I treat for mites the first year?
 - Check for the mite load and then decide. Check every month.
- Best way to harvest honey.
 - Brush or shake bees off the frame. Have an extra box to put the frame of honey into. Be sure to cover that box so bees don't head back in on the cleaned frame.
- Strong honey flow.

- Extract now. Be sure to feed sugar solution to the bees after you extract honey. Feed pollen patty also. Keep 100 pounds of honey on the hive for the bees to have for winter.
- When do the bees stop making brood?
 - Depends upon the type of bee. Italian queens keep laying. They slow down but still produce brood. Some types raise more brood in fall and winter. Some stop raising brood in fall.
- How to sign up for the extractor the club owns.
 - Call Ralph at 920-207-7557 for extractor. \$5/day - holds 3 deeps.

Book report: Garry S. - Bee Pollen and Your health - by Carlson Wade.

https://www.amazon.com/Pollen-Your-Health-Carlson-Wade/dp/1570673101/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1534450079&sr=8-1&keywords=bee+pollen+and+your+health

- Pollen has every mineral, nutrient that people need. It has 22 different minerals that your body needs. Use for stomach trouble, 1 tsp. pollen hot water and 1 tbsps. raw honey once a day. This helps stomach ulcers, colitis, etc. In an experiment feeding it to mice, it slowed tumors. Recommend 1 tsp. per day. There are recipes in in the book, and things to do with pollen.

Ken will take the library home and bring it back next month.

Refreshments - Thanks to Bob & Beth Keller, and Carl & Lois Demmin

Motion to adjourn was made by Ray N, seconded by Anne S and passed.

Next meeting - September 11th - Nourish is scheduled to do a presentation.

Refreshments - Jacky Drewry

Heads up - the October 9th will be held at Klub 55 in Kohler, Kohler Village Hall - 319 Highland Drive, Kohler - 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen