

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
September 11, 2018

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

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - Savings -\$; checking \$ (I will have to verify these amounts with Ken, and will repost the Minutes online with those totals.)

Motion to approve by Ray N., seconded by Kurt P.

Attendance - 35

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with a presentation by Heather Cleveland and Jon Ribich from "Nourish". They gave an overview of the history of "Nourish", and also talked about the future of the program. They are now located at the Miley Barn in Sheboygan Falls (100 Alfred Miley Ave. Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085), by the Falls Elementary and Middle Schools. The Miley Barn has been renovated, and "Nourish" is now housed there. It is quite a beautiful building, with 13 acres. It will be used for education purposes for healthy eating.

They will be looking for volunteers, hoping to set-up hives on the property in the future. They also hope to have to input/help from beekeepers on future hives and programs on beekeeping.

We hope to have a time with "Nourish" at the Miley Barn in the future, to look at the facility.

The SCBA decided to give "Nourish" a donation of \$100. Passed by the club.

Contacts for "Nourish" are
<https://nourishfarms.org/>

and Jon Ribich at jon@nourishfarms.org

Old Business

- T-Shirts - Carl is working on this.
- Sheboygan County Fair AgVenture Tent - miscommunication this year. They will contact us in Spring 2019 to get things started for next year's Fair.
- Klub 55 - we will look into this again next year.

Correspondence - none

New Business

- We need to vote for 2019-2020 officers in October. We will need a Vice President and Secretary.
- Maywood hive looks great; they might have swarmed.
- Children's museum - 400 bees on the outer hive, they chewed through weather stripping, Ken took care of them.

Q & A Discussion - no hive report this month

- What should we be doing this month?
 - Take your honey supers off. Make sure the hives have enough honey for winter. They should have about 100# going into winter. Check for mites, there is a bacterium that is brought into hives by mites. Drones have high bacteria rates.
- How to sign up for the extractor the club owns.
 - Call Ralph at 920-207-7557 for extractor. \$5/day, 3 deeps fit in there.
- James Burritt from UW-Stout has good videos on YouTube regarding mites.
 - ✓ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoSi5v9rtWo>
 - ✓ Also, Dunn County has many links to topics regarding bees.
<http://www.dunncountybeekeepers.org/links>
- How often should my bee suit be laundered?
 - Wash if there are many stings in the suit, as this gives an attack message to other bees. Do not use scented soaps or softeners.
- Frames are drawn out should I go to 9 frames.
 - Yes, you could kill your queen if you are squeezing frames to get them into the super.
- When should we start feeding sugar water?
 - Now. Solid sugar over winter.
- Best methods for keeping wasps and hornet.
 - Use an entrance reducer. Dadant sells wasp eliminators.
<https://www.dadant.com/digital-catalog/>
- Can bees that have swarmed be introduced back into the original hive?
 - That might be difficult. Instead introduce the swarm to a weaker hive.

Book report: Janita Holgate - A Country Year - Living with Questions by Sue Hubbell, written in 1980's. This book has been on public radio, shows the author's journey into beekeeping.

Also, A Book of Bees by the same author. This book includes a most economical way of doing things while beekeeping. (I checked the Falls Library, both books are available.)

Refreshments - Thanks to Jacky Drewy!

Motion made by Ray N. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kevin K. and passed.

Next meeting - October 9th - at the ADRC. Program by Amanda on Winterizing Bees - PLEASE NOTE - THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ADRC BUILDING.

Refreshments - Kris Plucar and Sheila Wettstein

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen