

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
October 9, 2018

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

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings - Savings \$951.82 - checking \$715.58

Motion to approve by ., seconded by .

Attendance - 34

Old Business

- T-Shirts - being designed, should have a sample soon
- Vote - Dan Hocever volunteered and was voted in as President for the 2019-2020 years. Motion made by Anne and seconded by Kurt. Passed.

Correspondence - none of substance

New Business

- Maywood hives needed to be fixed, doing ok
- Extractor available through Ralph Worm, call him, cost is \$5/day
- Wisconsin Honey Producers Association Convention is November 2 and 3rd, Wisconsin Rapids - information is at their website, or in Badger Bee.

Q & A Discussion -

- What should we be doing this month? Take honey off, feeding, check for disease
 - Garry O. discussed "foul brood disease". The state has restrictions on medication to treat for this and now we need prescriptions, normally through a Veterinarian. Garry said that this can be a hassle for small beekeepers, vets don't know what to prescribe to you. He suggested that the SCBA should file a complaint to Dept of Agriculture about this. State of WI is going back to 1930's, when a cure for foul brood was a match. In the 50's and 60's they would pay to help you stay in business if they burned your hives. It's best to use tetracycline to combat it. Write your local politicians to have it changed. There are only 2 inspectors from the state that will come around and check hives, Garry S. had this done this fall, and said the inspector gives good advice. Garry O. will look into this and get back to us with how to proceed with the state. I will check to see if Jamie

Van Dyke would prescribe the medication for us. Also, Dr. Kuplic will check to see if this is something he can do.

- If you have used equipment, you should treat. New equipment frames with sprayed on wax can have foul brood spores. The medication will give you directions for application, be sure to do it. Treat in the spring, and fall as a preventative. Don't do it when there is honey being produced. Garry O. treats his hives that he sells.
- How to winterize a hive. Keep them out of the wind, and ventilate for moisture, make sure that they have plenty of feed. Wrap around Thanksgiving time. If hives are light, feed them now. Wait until March for pollen patties.
- They don't take feed down when it gets down to 50.
- If you add shavings, be sure to ventilate. Drill some holes. No pollen patties now.
- Water? Now. Solid sugar over winter.

Hive report - various results, some did well, some did nothing

Dan for president, anne and Kurt.

Table VP until next meeting - motion by Anne and passed

Program : cancelled

Book report: N/A

Refreshments - Thanks to Sheila and Kris!

Motion made by . to adjourn the meeting, seconded and passed. (I didn't get who it was.

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Next meeting - November 13th - at the ADRC. Holiday pot luck, bring BINGO prizes for BINGO. \$5 price limit - 6:30 PM

Ray and Kevin - adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen