

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
April 9, 2019

Meeting called to order.

Secretary's Report - The Minutes from the March meeting were sent out and are posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report - \$952.21 savings \$1003.58 checking

Attendance - 32

Old Business

- SHIRTS - Lois and Carl D. were not present to discuss.
- Dan H. will contact Dan Z. to see what is a good day for hive inspections for those might be interested.
- Jamie V. D - (920)526-3320 is a contact for mite and foul brood control. Put foul brood meds in freezer to last longer, otherwise it only lasts 6 months.
- Brigham Young University has been doing a study that involves using a bacteria-eating virus that deals with Foul brood to eat spores. Here are two links about the program.
<https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=7929&context=etd> and
<http://www.takepart.com/article/2014/10/29/bugs-could-save-bees>
- Auvi-Q pen - depends upon your insurance. Some insurance will pay all. (See March meeting notes.) Kathy has Medicare, they prefer the generic EpiPen. I received mine this week. 2 for \$47.

Correspondence - Kurt P.

- Had contact from Lakeside Foods in Belgium. They had liquid sucrose but only in huge quantities. Referred them to Garry O. at Honey Land Farms.

New Business

- Wisconsin State Fair (August 1 - August 11) Thursday thru Sunday. We would like to have a group from the SCBA help at the Fair. We had good representation last year, and it was nice fellowship.
- Damon Reabe - does Aereal applications - he offered to do a presentation tonight for us, but we felt Garry's presentation on getting frames ready was timelier. There appeared to be interest in his presentation. Kathy P. will check with him to see if he is available in October or March next year.
- Dan P. did a presentation at North High thru Nourish.
- Dan P. will be doing a presentation for the Pollinator Day at Bookworm Gardens in July.
- Book report - Kris P. - Honeybee Democracy Kindle Edition by [Thomas D. Seeley](#) Here is an Amazon link that describes the book. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0046A9M68/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?encoding=UTF8&btkr=1>

Q & A Discussion -

- What should I be doing this month? Clean and feed. If it's too cold they won't take the sugar water but have it out for them. Honey Bee Healthy won't ferment.
- Best location for hives. Put in early sun, entrance facing south, high ground rather than low spots. Block from the wind. Should have access to water.

- Bees will clean out mold. Mold on moisture board, maybe change board in winter. Put sticks under covers for a little bit of air. Screen spacers have holes on the sides.
- When to move the upper super to the bottom.
- Bee cozy over winter. Some beekeepers use tar paper, keep in a building with no light. $\frac{1}{2}$ " Styrofoam painted black. Wood shavings, sound board, route a groove. Wind break is important.

Hive report - Every other meeting - not tonight.

Motion to adjourn Dan P. and second by Ray N.

Program - Garry S. on getting frames ready.

Refreshments - Jacky D. and Kristin P.

Next meeting, May 14th, 6:30 PM, ADRC

Respectfully submitted by Kathy P.