

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
August 13, 2019

Meeting called to order by Dan H.

Secretary's Report - July minutes - Motion to accept - Chris - 2nd Garry S - Carried

Treasurer's Report - \$1533.97 Savings - \$952.61 Checking - Motion to accept by Kurt S.,
seconded by Garry S - Carried

There were no purchases.

Attendance - 34

Old Business

- WI State Fair - 13 members volunteered, a great time!
- SHIRTS -Lois and Carl D. - Shirts may be ordered by contacting O'Callihans, they have all the information on file.
- Garry O. was going do a program on Saturday, October 12th at Honey Land Farms. But Garry is going to Slovenia then and will report on his trip at a later date.
- Discussion on ordering bees together. Garry S. recommends.....
 - Prepaid treasurer
 - One person picks up
 - Through Tim Wilbanks
 - This might be difficult for our club to manage.

Correspondence - None

New Business

- The membership is encouraged to attend the WHPA convention in Fond du Lac - Nov 1st and 2nd.

Q & A Discussion -

- What should I be doing this month?
 - Harvesting your honey. Check and treat for mites once the honey is off if needed.
 - Wait until September 1st to harvest, we have had late nice weather this year.
- Miteaway, leave on longer than 7 days?
 - There would be no problem with this.
- What to do with a weak hive in late season. No honey, not much brood.
 - Combine hives with a stronger hive. Kill queen in the weak hive. Spreading a weak hive to a stronger hive, spreading the problem. Why risk a good hive with a possible contamination?
 - Mite count will drop when a new queen is added.....
- How to destroy a failing hive. Made it through winter, not doing anything.
 - Getting a new queen if possible, might help to get the hive going to make it through winter, rather than waiting for a queen to be made.

- Bees swarmed 2 years in a row, didn't leave any bees in there.
 - Usually abscond because of something in the hive. Mites, beetles.
- Drift watch is supposed to contact you if they are spraying.
 - You need to register.
- Bees swarmed on the outside of the hive.
 - Too warm and humid.

Hive report -

- Not this month

Book Report - Not this month

Program - No program scheduled

Motion to adjourn by *Garry S.* and second by *Kevin K.*

Refreshments - *Ray and Linda N.* and *Terry Z.*

Next meeting, September 10th, 6:30 PM,

Respectfully submitted by
Kathy Petersen