

Sheboygan County Beekeeper's Association (SBCA) Meeting Minutes

10-8-19

6:40 pm Meeting called to order

Secretary's report - **September meeting minutes** have been posted on website.

Motion to accept September minutes – Ray N.

Second - Dan P.

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report –

Checking account balance \$939.97

Savings account balance \$952.77

Deposit was made today and will be reflected in next month's Treasurer's Report.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Garry S.

Second – Kevin K.

Motion carried

Old Business

- Peter D. gave an update on his appearance before the Board for the Town of Plymouth for discussion of any ordinance regarding keeping bees. Basically, because Peter does not live in an area designated as agricultural – he may not keep bees. Peter seems resigned to this fact; however, he is in the process of setting up a meeting at *Generations* in Plymouth to discuss beekeeping ordinances and how to clarify them. More info will be coming on the meeting, possibly in November. Charlie Koenen, known as the Beevangelist, will likely be speaking. <https://beevangelists.org/>
- <https://city.milwaukee.gov/BeeKeepingInMilwaukee#.XZ3ZsEZKjIU> is the website that addresses Beekeeping in Milwaukee.
- Joanne F. shared information – The state of Minnesota will help homeowners turn their lawns into bee-friendly habitat under a spending plan approved by the Legislature and sent to Gov. Tim Walz. <http://www.startribune.com/program-pays-minnesota-homeowners-to-let-their-lawn-go-to-the-bees/510593382/?refresh=true>
- **Wisconsin Honey Producers Association Convention.** The convention will be held on November 1st and 2nd at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 625 Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du Lac, WI 54937. **Kurt P. is sending out an application form that shows early applications will be accepted up until October 18th** (with a discount for that application).

Correspondence -

New Business

- Holiday Potluck November 12th - **HOLIDAY POTLUCK** – 6:30 PM – Bring a dish to pass and your own table settings. **Voluntary** \$5.00 gift (wrapped) exchange for **BINGO** game!
- SCBA will not be sending anyone out to take care of hornets/wasps etc. If someone contacts you about honeybees, this is a great website to send them before you head out.
<http://www.sheboyganbees.org/uploads/images/not%20a%20bee.jpg>

Q & A

- **What to do this month:** Feed your bees.....

Hive Reports – Generally members either had a good year or low honey production. Many have good bees, but little honey.

Book Report - Keith W. gave an interesting report on the book The Tears of Re: Beekeeping in Ancient Egypt, by Gene Kritsky. It was an interesting overview of beekeeping 5,000 years ago.

Program – None, but good discussion tonight.

Refreshments – No one signed up.

Motion to adjourn – Ray N.

Second – Garry S.

NEXT MEETING: November 12th – Potluck and BINGO

**Respectfully submitted,
Kathy P.**