

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association  
April 14, 2020

Call meeting to order

**Minutes** - March 10, 2020 Minutes are posted on the website. <http://sheboyganbees.org/scba/meeting-minutes/>

**Treasurer's Report -**

Checking account balance (\$939.97)

Savings account balance (\$952.77) - Ken was not in attendance. Motion by Kurt P., seconded by Dan P. to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Old Business**

- It was presented by Dan P. that we continue limiting the frequency of Hive Reports during the meeting, that these turn into stories that take up a lot of time. If/when we do have the reports, we will limit those to about 1 minute per person. (Perhaps use a timer to help people be aware of time.)
- Whenever there is no program, we will continue general discussion of beekeeping.
- Peter D. did contact Charlie Koenen, the BeeVangelist to inquire about a possible program. He seems interested in doing a ZOOM meeting with us. Shaun said that Charlie can use a PowerPoint presentation. We will keep the membership informed.
- Austin, a student at South High was at the meeting with his instructor, and would like to discuss having an observation hive, and possible hives at South High. Dan P. has agreed to be in contact with them. (Dan P has not heard from them, and because of the COVID-19 issue, feels that this will not happen this year.)
- There is an issue with logging into the Membership Directory on the website. Something is wrong with entering the password. I have an email out to Shaun to see if he can check it over. (Kathy will discuss with Jackie D. and Shaun to see if this can be worked out.
- Kathy shared the "Hive Central" entrance guard that Kurt is testing for Hive Central. He had 2 of them installed on hives this winter. One hive is doing well, the other died out.

Correspondence - Kurt P. None

**New Business**

- Ordering mite treatment as a club? (Kurt P will check to see if there is a price incentive to do this. Also, it might be a little tricky this year while having Virtual meetings.)
- Garry O (Honey Land Farms will be bringing packages next week. If anyone still desires to purchase packaged bees with Garry, **contact him by Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.
- Craig Spindler from Let It Bee was present. He is taking over for Honey Bee Ware. His contact info is as follows:  
[www.letitbeeinc.com](http://www.letitbeeinc.com)  
920-757-1042  
[letitbeeinc@gmail.com](mailto:letitbeeinc@gmail.com)

## Questions sent from membership

1. Both of my hives failed last year, the first did so in early autumn and was sudden so out of concern that it was pesticide related I got rid of the frames. My other hive failed in December and I plan to reuse the drawn out frames to start my hives this spring. The hives were not kept near each other. Should I be concerned about reusing the frames?

It was felt there is no concern for using these frames. It would have been unusual to have pesticide use be an issue, especially in late Fall.

2. I'm curious if anyone who ordered bees from HBW knows anything about the refund. I put in a request for it but haven't been able to get further information. It's not really a surprise but emails are unanswered, and phone has been disconnected. I have put a claim in with my credit card company.

It sounds like the best course of action is to contact your credit card company. A copy of the letter from Honey Bee Ware might be necessary to include with your dispute on the charge.

## Hive report - varied

### What to do with Bees

- Feed syrup
- Give them pollen patties
- Treat for mites

Motion to adjourn by Jim K., seconded by Ralph W.

Next meeting - Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - most likely via ZOOM.