

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
July 14, 2020

Dan - Call meeting to order
Attendance: 17

Minutes - June 2020 Minutes are posted on the website. <http://sheboyganbees.org/scba/meeting-minutes/>

Treasurer's Report -

Checking account balance - \$1,089.97

Savings account balance - \$ 953.25

Ken was not in attendance; we will have to get current figures.

Old Business

- Charlie Koenen plans to join us to discuss his new position as Southern Inspector, what he is seeing in the field, and take some questions.
- "A Million Dreamz" fundraiser was discussed, to see if we would like to give a donation. We have since had another request from the Sheboygan Peace Park. We need to discuss what we would like to do with requests for donations. Ken did the numbers for our finances. Most of our income is less than \$500.00 a year. 90-95% of this is from annual dues. Raffle brings in less than \$20.00 a month. Since there was no motion previously made regarding Fund Raisers, this was tabled. It was brought up that this does not meet the Club's Mission Statement.

Correspondence - Kurt P. - Kurt was contacted by Gail, the person in charge of reserving the ADRC for our meetings. She was wondering what we expected in the months ahead regarding meeting there.

New Business

- **Nourish** as a possible meeting site. Dan H. had information on this. Dan and Hannah are maintaining the hives that are at *Nourish*. Because we are considered partners with *Nourish* now, we may have access to their meeting room for our meetings in the future. There is room for 200 people, plus they have audio-visual equipment available. Dan and other members will check this out when we are able in the future.

Questions sent from membership

- The bees I got from Honey Moon Acres are so aggressive - does anybody else have the same problem? Members present were not familiar with Honey Moon Acres and bees. **Charlie mentioned that he has noticed some "drift" in some hives in Southeastern Wisconsin with Africanized bees. The hive then becomes aggressive.**
- As my hives age, I am finding that the bees leave honey and pollen in the lower frames. Beekeepers talk about the bees moving this up, but my experience is that my bees let it stay. Each season they add a little more and it ends up plugging the lower part of the hive. Do others experience this? How do beekeepers prevent this or if they do not prevent it, how do beekeepers remove these frames. They still have good honey (and/or pollen). This seems to be more common with beehives this year. **For whatever reason, the bees are not going up into the honey supers to deposit nectar.**

- What is the best way to remove old foundation from Mann Lake frames? **Scrap it off**.....
- Can a queen fly away during hive inspection? **Yes, but generally she will eventually find her way back to the hive.**

Hive report - N/A

What to do with Bees this month?

- N/A

Program: Charlie Koenen

Please look at the recording. I'll send the link out separately. The first 17 minutes are just people logging on, and issues with people setting up on ZOOM. It was an interesting program (starting at 17 minutes into the recording) with Charlie explaining many issues.

Motion to adjourn by Kurt P., seconded by Elizabeth D.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy

Next meeting - possibly Tuesday, August 11th - most likely via ZOOM. I am checking with Shaun to see if he is available.