

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
April 6, 2021

Dan - Call meeting to order
Attendance:

Minutes - March Minutes are posted on the website <http://sheboyganbees.org/scba/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCBA-March-9-2021.pdf>

Treasurer's Report -

Checking account balance - \$1054.97

Savings account balance - \$ 948.75

Motion to accept – by Kurt, seconded by Dan H.

Old Business -

- Kurt and Kathy attended the virtual meeting of the Wisconsin Honey Producers. There were several speakers. They held a raffle and Kathy won a \$30 certificate at Dadant. BONUS...
 - ✓ The main speaker at the Wisconsin Honey producers was the founder of the Savannah Bee Company. This firm went from a small beekeeper to serving a national market in just a few years. Check out their website <https://savannahbee.com/our-stores/>
- Not good news I am afraid. There was about a 90% die-off from the membership.
- Kathy had shared by email an article about how Queens are being stressed.

Correspondence - None

New Business -

- Possibility of the club to provide bees for the Above and Beyond Children's Museum. - Ken. Peter D. suggested that the club provide a split with the club purchasing a queen. Motion by Jackie D., seconded by Peter D.. Carried.

Questions sent from membership -

- I have been told that one can put frames with old honey or extracted frames above the inner cover and that the bees will clean out the frames and move the honey down into the main hive. Not my bees. They seem quite comfortable with going up above the inner cover and making it part of their hive. Has anyone else experienced this and what to do??? I do not want to leave honey out in the yard to avoid attracting "critters".
- When I opened my hives this Spring, one of the hives had a number of frames of wet honey. It seemed as if the bees were not able to dry the honey before winter, so it was still wet in the Spring. It looked like honey, smelled like honey, and tasted like honey. There were some white crystals in the cells, which I interpreted as crystallization of the honey. If the bees were not on this section of the hive during the winter, the cells would have gotten cold, and the wet honey crystallized. Has anyone else experienced

this?? Can the wet honey be left on the hive or fed to the bees later?? Since it is wet, will it ferment if I take it off the hive and store it??

Hive report - Not this month

Topics for the Month - no specific topic for this month, because of our program with April Kustov, the State Apiary Inspector.

Program - April Kustov
Apiary Inspector - DARM

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

April presented information on treating our hives for mites. The link to the recording is included in this email.

Motion to adjourn

by , seconded by . Sorry, I missed this.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy

Next meeting - May 11th on ZOOM