

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
May 11, 2021

Dan - Call meeting to order
Attendance: 15

Minutes - April Minutes are posted on the website <http://sheboyganbees.org/scba/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SCBA-April-6-2021.pdf>

Treasurer's Report -Ken

Checking account balance - \$1174.97

Savings account balance - \$948.79

Motion to accept - by Peter, seconded by Dan H.

Old 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. Did the bees get there?
Peter and Ken are getting a queen from Garry O. They are splitting one of Peter's hives for the Museum.

Correspondence -

- Volunteering at the Wisconsin State Fair for the Wisconsin Honey Producers Booth Tracy - Wisconsin Honey Producers

Hi Kurt, As far as the State Fair Committee knows, there will be a State Fair. We do plan on having a honey booth as usual, and there will likely be some Covid safety protocols. We have not yet been given information from State Fair or the WI Products Building about what that will look like. Next month we will begin our call for volunteers, but we are waiting to hear from State Fair folks first. Right now we are seeking pail honey donations for honey sticks and honey bids.

More to come!

Tracy

Kathy will check with Tracy as to when they need to know our intentions, what are the dates, and minimum to sponsor the booth. Kurt said that Tracey will contact us when they have more information.

New Business -

- Possibility of having in-person meetings. Members in attendance voted to have the June meeting at Nourish. There will also be an attempt to do the meeting virtually for anyone not ready to have in-person meetings.
- What to do about June picnic. Not this year.
- Volunteering for the Wisconsin Honey Producers booth at the Wisconsin State Fair. (See correspondence above.)

Questions sent from membership -

- Splitting hives - why/when/how/ Dave Eggebeen and Dan P
Various answers. Some people do splits to reduce the bee population, so they won't swarm. Some do it if they have lost a hive. Some do it to make more hives.
Some people give away frames if there is no queen. Some do it to clean and reorganize. Some people shake off the bees.
Look for Fat Beeman videos on YouTube. Highly informative.
Some people do fall splits and add queens for wintering.
- How to recover a swarm and successfully joined them together. Several members mentioned that they have re-purposed shop vacs to recover swarms.
- I'm just wondering what do people have underneath their beehives because we have ours in our flower garden and I'm wondering about putting mulch down and if mulch would be a good idea to have underneath the beehives. - Carol, Using mulch is fine!
- Treating for mites, using Oxalic acid. A member will send Kathy his method, and she will send it out. Everyone must treat for mites. Honey Land farm is treating constantly during the season.

Hive report - Members shared how many hives they have, how many they purchased.

Topics for the Month - Program

Program - JoAnne Friedman - Clover for Lawns - JoAnne had a highly informative program about her continued effort to get businesses/establishments to plant Dutch White Clover to help their lawns recover. She is involved with many institutions in the area. Dan P will be sending correspondence to various establishments in Sheboygan County sharing the benefits of adding Dutch White Clover to their lawns. Hopefully to help bees and other pollinators.

Motion to adjourn

By Peter, seconded by JoAnne

Respectfully submitted by Kathy

Next meeting - The next meeting will be on June 8th at Nourish. 6:30 pm. There will attempts to also have virtual streaming for those people that are not comfortable attending in person. Dan P and Ralph W will provide some refreshments. We will have to respect Nourish's protocols for meetings. Those protocols will be sent out prior to the meeting.