

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
August 10, 2021

Kurt - Called meeting to order- members introduced themselves. It was so nice to see familiar faces and "newbees".

Attendance: 24

Minutes - July Minutes are posted on the website

Treasurer's Report - Ken reported:

Checking account balance - \$ 1174.97

Savings account balance -\$ 948.94

Motion to Accept: Kathy P.

Second: Dan H.

Passed around the Snack/Program signup sheet

Old Business -

- Above and Beyond Children's Museum: Ken - Eggs and brood all over.
- Maywood hive update: Samantha L. will discuss the hive during her program this evening about Maywood.
- Update on a Friend of Sheboygan County Beekeepers entity:
Elizabeth D gave an overview, to recognize people/businesses that engage in landscaping for bees and pollinators. Two documents have been sent to the membership for them to look over. We will revisit at the September meeting. (I'm also including those documents with these minutes. Please look them over so we can receive input from the members. Thanks to Elizabeth for all her work on this project!
- Club shirts -
Dan P. had a polo shirt printed with the SCBA logo on the upper left, which he wore at the July meeting. \$24. For anyone is interested, we would like to place an order as a group, so please come to the next meeting so we can see who is interested in ordering. Lois has 2 T-shirts (Size XL - \$15) available and is checking to see what price changes there might be since these were ordered 2 years ago before COVID. They also had tote bags and polo shirts available, Lois expects to have information on prices for the next meeting. Thanks Lois!!
- Refreshments - On this topic, Nourish has offered to sell us compostable plates, cups,

and utensils. Dan P. said we will use what we already have, taking our garbage with us. When we need additional material, buying from Nourish seems supportive and appropriate.

- Continuing Zoom meetings - it was decided to continue with Nourish for this year, re-evaluate in the spring and see how things are with the virus. Then see if we need to zoom again because of the virus. It was a little "toasty" in Nourish last night because of the high temperatures and humidity. Dan P. is, I believe, checking with Nourish to see if heat and A/C is available.
- Dan P. contacted the ADRC and let them know that we will no longer be meeting there this year.

Correspondence -

- Several contacts from people wanting assistance with Bumble Bees. Kathy is telling people with problems bees in their walls that we are all volunteers, and are not comfortable getting involved with wall issues.

New Business -

- Future meetings and COVID - re-evaluate after winter if we need to include Zoom meetings.

Questions sent from membership -

- I consistently see at least 5 yellow jackets hovering around the ground below my hives, sometimes they are wrestling with a honey bee - is this normal? Will it lead to robbing?
- What do you do if you see robbing occurring at your hives?
- Any examples of how anyone has known if a hive that had a laying break was just on a break or was actually queen-less? And....how did you make the decision as to if/when to re-queen the hive?

Hive reports - this was a general discussion during the meeting.

Program - Samantha Lammers was gracious enough to suspend her program due to a couple of factors. She had a Power Point about Maywood, and we couldn't get the technology at Nourish to work. I'll give them a call. Also, the impending storm was a factor. She is checking her schedule to see if she is available for the September meeting. She will be talking about Maywood Environmental Park, of which she is the park director.

Topics for the Month -

Thanks to Samantha for tonight's refreshments! I loved the Pickle Pasta and know several people in my family that will also love it.

Motion to adjourn By Dan H. seconded by Peter D.

Raffle - Lots of treasures and comb honey! Rats, I wanted some of that.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 14th - 6:30 pm at NOURISH

Refreshments at the September meeting is Terry Zerger.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy P.