

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
October 14, 2014

Secretary's Report - read and accepted

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1,348.55

Attendance -

Old Business

- Museum - Dave Majerus??? donated a child's bee suit on a mannequin. Will be used during demonstration when adult is present. Walls to be painted by volunteer. Kathy and Emily Dolphin are making a suit for the kids to play with. Honey Land farm sign might be wrong. Bees are making comb in the extra space.
- Maywood hive is low on food. Might need some pollen patties. Nothing in hive. Maywood will feed them.
- Is it too late to feed? Some feel keep feeding bees until they stop eating it.

New Business

- Demo kit will stay together. Kurt and Kathy will keep it.
- Discussion about librarian. Dave Majerus bought a *Beekeeping for Dummies* and donated to the club.
- Kurt wondered if we should have a book report for monthly meetings, with a book from the library. Kurt made a motion, and Jim Kuplic seconded. Discussion. A sheet will be sent around at the March meeting to have a sign up. Kurt will do the first book report in March.
- Vote on officers
 - Librarian - Annette Selk
 - Vice president - Sheila Wettstein
- Fleet Farm has grown, larger area now located in the area where pet/bird supplies are found..

Correspondence

- Received a request to have Advertising space in some periodical. Didn't do it.

Q & A Discussion

- Best way to winterize a hive from wind and ventilation. Hay bales, Styrofoam and wrap the hive. Insulation with ventilation, tarp - University of Minnesota has a nice PDF file on insulating.
- Feeding - mountain camp method with sugar

- Experience with deformed wing syndrome. Mites could cause.
K wing - two wings are out.....mite issue. Deformed wings, older bees wings start to fall apart.
- Alfalfa honey..... 80 or 90 degrees for nectar to flow. Alfalfa flowers collapse when they pollinate, bees get hit in the head. Check on insecticides used with alfalfa.
- Round up and gmo..... Check it out on youtube. Dr. Stephanie Seneff - MIT -check National geographic magazine.
- Buckfast bees.....Brother Adam in a monastery in England developed Buckfast bees.

Hive report

- Mixed..... Al Garside wins!
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Program - Miles Thompson

Refreshments - Ralph Christianson, Bev Garside

Motion to adjourn - First - Kurt

Second - Annette

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen