

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association  
October 9, 2012

Secretary's Report - accepted

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1,331.49

Correspondence - Covered in New Business

Present -

Pass around the Q & A sheet.....

Old Business

- Gary O will do a program, at Honeyland Farms, schedule for June and move picnic, or Kurt will call and have him do a different month. It seemed like people thought he should change the date and keep the picnic. He will talk on Foul Brood.

New Business

- Kurt has had correspondence with the president of the Green Bay Bee Club and the Manitowoc Club. There is a suggestion for our clubs to be involved with each other. Green Bay has given us permission to use their Bee identification page on our website. There was some discussion about what to charge people for advertising on their website. (Manitowoc club) Discussion about amount of traffic on our site, and if businesses would feel that they are getting their monies worth. Would we want to share the cost of a national beekeeping specialist? Do we want to have to travel? Our club met with the Saukville club years ago. The Madison Club is very active. Would we want a website to involve all 3 clubs? To share information?
- Kurt shared his packet on our club's honey tasting program with the Green Bay Club.
- Passed around the program/snack sheet for 2013.
- Kurt received feedback on topics for programs. Some people are wondering if we should have more beekeeping than non-beekeeping. Should we pass around a sheet for people to write down topics that they would like to hear about? It would be helpful for newcomers. New beekeepers would like to hear about basic beekeeping, that's why they are here. They would like to hear how to be a better beekeeper. The Manitowoc Club had classes for new beekeepers.

- Ralph - attended the Waupaca County Bee Club. Public could make candles, buy candles, honey products, baked goods, ice cream honey sundaes, demonstrated extracting, beekeeping equipment on display - showing how equipment is used. They had a live bee frame, showed the queen bee. Had some screen houses with 2 hives in each one - beekeeper showing how a beekeeper works. Public was on the outside of the screen. Should we get the public more involved.....honey tasting.....demos..... Maywood has a festival in February.
- Keith - website called yourgardenshow.com Inviting people with their own acreage, you can advertise on there. Forums to ask beekeeping questions. Staff from Beekeepers magazine monitors it. Ask questions and they will answer it.
- Man wants bees on his property - around Dundee. Maybe Gary O would like to do that.
- Next month is the holiday potluck, gift exchange \$5 if you'd like. Starts at 6:30. Short meeting first.
- John has some old beekeeping magazines, he is looking to swap with someone. Perhaps set up a swap meet to exchange bee materials and equipment.
- Nominations.....  
 President - Tammy  
 Vice - President - ??  
 Treasurer - Gary  
 Secretary - Shawn  
 Librarian - Eugene  
 Historian - Bev

Vote will be next month.....

### Q & A Discussion

- #1 - Need to start feeding, depends upon how heavy the frames are. 2 parts sugar to 1 part water (by weight) You can also add medication.
- #2 - Ideas for wintering hives, move into unheated building, insulate hives - insulation blankets, tar paper, be sure to shovel out hives, insulated ceiling panels with a routed groove. Feeder on top of hive with insulated board on top.  
 Treating for mites, depends upon the temperature. When temperature is too low, it won't work.

- #3 - using fumagellan to treat hive. Wondering if it should be used.
- #4 - black plastic used for insulation, corrugated cardboard,
- #5 - Wants to know if you can do anything to fix fermented honey.
- #6 - Using Bee Quick, Bee Go - use in hot temperature

Hive report -

Program - Kurt Vollmer - Lip Balm Production

Refreshments - provided by Al and Bev Garside

Motion to adjourn - First - Gary

Second - Ray

Submitted by Kathy Petersen