

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association  
March 10, 2015

Secretary's Report - read and accepted

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1,348.73

Attendance - 50+

#### Old Business

- Meeting Room is reserved for 2015 per Kurt Petersen
- Rochester Park is reserved for our June 9<sup>th</sup> picnic per Kurt Vollmer
- Membership books will be made up after tonight

#### Committee Reports

- Above and Beyond Children's' Museum- woman from Kohler working on display, will be painting things. No bees at present.
- Picnic Committee - Tammy will ask for help at May meeting
- Maywood - bees are dead

#### Purchases

- Jamie gave a gift basket to staff at ADRC and custodial gift on behalf of the club.

#### New Business

- Price of dues. Have remained the same for some time. Increase - Motion by James Kuplic to \$10 and seconded by Kurt Petersen. Voted in and is effective immediately.
- Club member, Wayne Gerdt of Honey Bee Ware, shared prices for bees this year. 2# are \$96, 3# are \$110, and 4-frame Nucs are \$135.

#### Correspondence

- Lots of activity through the website. Inquiries from "new" members that saw us on the website.
- Received a Catalog that features products carried at Fleet Farm.
- Mary Gross' daughter is interested in the local honey queen program. SCBA might want a local honey queen. She needs to recognize the nutritional value of honey and use of honey. This is a year round responsibility promoting beekeeping and honey to community. Must be sponsored by a local or district or organization. She also must be a member of WI Honey Producers. Jamie read all the particulars.

Mary's daughter is 17. Motion by James Kuplic to sponsor a honey queen. Seconded by Joe Dolphin - carried.

- Subscriptions are available for a discount on the American Bee Journal - see Jamie

## Q & A Discussion

- How early to re-queen - middle of April to May. Dadant will have them by that time.
- Flow hive, member described. Two members have ordered them.
- EpiPens - may be ordered (with prescription) on-line. Will check into this.
- Fleet Farm - a little expensive but nice and handy. Nice quality. Kelly Bee Company
- Pollen patties - how long and when to put it in.....now until bees stop - once pollen is coming in. Freeze any "leftover" patties once pollen is available naturally.
- Do you need to live in Sheboygan County to be a member? - no
- Marketing Used equipment -Be Careful and scorch boxes, burn frames - may contain foul brood.
- Best time to order bees - now - usually here between 1<sup>st</sup> of May and middle of May
- Best time to reverse a hive, too early now? Yes - middle of April to beginning of May. Depends upon how warm.

Hive report - seemed optimistic for the most part.

Book Report - Kurt - *Beekeeping, a Practical Guide*

Program - None this month. We set up programs, refreshment schedule, and book reports for future meeting.

Refreshments - Tammy Boldt, Kathy Petersen

Motion to adjourn - First - (Not sure, sorry)

Second - Kevin

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen