

# Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association

April 12, 2016

Thanks to Sheila Wettstein for leading the meeting in Jamie's absence.

Secretary's Report - Minutes on website

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$2210.43

Attendance - 52

Old Business -

- Honey Queen will be here next month.
- Children's Museum and Maywood - waiting for bees
- SCBA album/scrapbook - give pictures and articles to Debbie Spangler so it's in the traveling library. Bev Garside is our historian, and has articles and information. New scrapbook would have new items in it.
- New locations - Kurt gave a report. He contacted the Sheboygan County Airport, the Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building, the Sheboygan Falls Library, and Faith United Methodist Church in Falls. Sheila will check with the Town of Falls and Maywood. Dan Pitsch will check with UW-Sheboygan.
- Keith Weiland discussed the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at Bookworm Gardens - they are having a Pollinator Festival from 9 AM - 1 PM. They are inviting people/families that have an interest in pollinators, with crafts available for kids. They are hoping to attract 300-1,000 people. Keith will talk about bumblebees and mason bees and do a craft. Keith would like someone to help him, and work with the kids. Kids will make a mason beehive with a can or flower pot with paper tubes. Plans are on the Xerces Society website. Keith will bring a sign-up sheet next month, he is asking for some financial help with costs for the crafts (\$100). If anyone would like to donate #10 cans, 2# coffee cans, clay flower pots/bases, please bring to next 2 meetings. Randy Meyer moved to give Keith \$100, second by Dan Pitsch. - voted and passed.

Committee Reports - N/A

Purchases - Book - Attracting Native Pollinators

- Membership booklets and refreshment supplies

New Business -

- Name tags were suggested for meetings. Corey Brachmann made a motion to purchase name tags, Jean seconded. Passed. Kathy will purchase and we will give it a try.

#### Correspondence -

- Request from a garden club in Massachusetts to use the Bee ID poster posted on our website.
- No new requests for presentations.

#### Q & A Discussion

- What should I be doing this month? Check your hives, feed any bees. Have food for bees for when they start flying. 1-1 syrup solution, pollen patties. Feed when it's warm and they are flying. Below 50 degrees, they won't eat sugar syrup. (Unless it's sunny and the hive is in the sun, then the hive might be warm enough to feed.)
- Experience with candy boards, how well do they work? Like sugar syrup better, bees didn't eat much of the candy. Tried in winter, they are still in the hive. Kathy used them, you can melt leftovers down and use for syrup. Put a pollen patty in the sugar.
- AZ hives - Slovenian European in-house hive. Some are on a trailer, you go inside in the middle and harvest - Frames come out. 10-12 hives. New Glarus Museum has some on display. <http://www.slovenianbeekeeping.com/index-one.html>
- Checking for mites - taking pictures - wondered if anyone used this method. Most feel that the powdered sugar method is preferred.

#### Hive report - NA

#### Book Report - NA

Program - Emily Dolfin -Wasp Traps; Dr. Kuplic shared his FlowHive.

Refreshments - Annette Selk and Kathy Petersen

Motion to adjourn - First - Kurt

Second - Everybody seconded

Next meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup>

- Hal and Kathryn Ribich, Requeening in Spring and Fall
- Refreshments - Dan Pitsch and Ralph Worm

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen