

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association
April 14, 2015

Secretary's Report - read and accepted

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1,685.61

Attendance - 45

Old Business -

- Jenny Gross is interested in being the SCBA's sponsored Honey Queen. She gave a brief introduction to the club. There was discussion on how to set up the program. Motion was made by _____ and seconded by Ray Nasgovitz to sponsor Jenny as the Sheboygan County Honey Queen. Passed. She will be in contact in the future with her planned activities.
- Laura Sauermilch - Sheboygan County Fair - presented the AG-Venture Tent. This will be meant for 3 - 9 years old and their families. It is for the purpose of hands-on "accidental" learning. The tent will be there Fri, Sat, Sun, and Monday at the Fair, 10 - 5 p.m. on Labor Day Weekend. They are looking for people to work 1 hour for an "Ask the Expert" session, and possibly man a display. 10-20 people will be in the tent every day. They are looking for people to work the tent, which is a paid position. Perhaps our SCBA Honey Queen could participate. Sept 4, 5, 6, and 7. Laura will try to attend the May meeting with further information.

Committee Reports - none

Purchases - none

New Business -

- Membership books are printed - we hope that these last for 2 years.
- Southeastern Wisconsin Honey Producers Association - Kurt and Kathy Petersen attended and shared information. We distributed a "bee aware" brochure from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Kurt encouraged members to take part in the survey on having a partnership to understand what management practices work best and how they affect honey bee health. The survey is available only during the month of April at www.beeinformed.org
- Bee prices from Garry Oreskovic at Honey Land Farms - 2# pkg for \$93, 3# pkg for \$108, 3 frame nuc for \$98, 4 frame nuc for \$130, 5 frame nuc for \$145. Queens are available for \$ 24.75
- Dr. James Kuplic shared an article on a beekeeping business -Sweet Mountain Farm
- Fleet farm - Appleton - Wayne Gerdts will appear at their Bee Day - April 18th
- Wayne Gerdts will be having a Bee class on May 2nd

- John Lucynski made a motion that people work with Kurt Petersen. We'd like to have 2 PowerPoints that can be used in conjunction with presentations by the club.
- Observation hives - both have been cleaned by the Wettsteins and are ready for bees. Above and Beyond, no bees left. Maywood hive - not completely dead. It's thought to get rid of them and add new bees. Maywood is getting bees from Wayne on the 25th of April.
- American Bee Journal has an article on installing bees.
- James Kuplic shared an interesting link - www.thequeenbeeproject.com

Correspondence -

- Laura Sauer Milch - was in attendance tonight for a presentation on the Ag Tent at the Sheboygan County Fair.

Q & A Discussion

- Splitting bees
- Reversing hives - middle or end of May
- Where to place the hive - water, south facing for sun, wind barrier
- How to cover the hive when using a baggie feeder. Kurt makes a frame to put over the bag while in the hive.

Hive report - most people are waiting for delivery of their bees.

Book Report - Jean Wilke - Beekeepers for Dummies

Program - Ralph Christianson

Refreshments - Jean Wilke and Cheryl Wettstein

Motion to adjourn - First - Ray Nasgovitz

Second - John Peterson

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen