

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association

May 10, 2016

Secretary's Report - Minutes on website - no corrections

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$2,233.49

Attendance - 40+

Old Business -

- Sheboygan County Honey Queen, Jenny, has completed 1 year as the Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association. She did various presentations for the County and Wisconsin State Fair. Jenny is headed to college, and this will be the end of her reign.

Committee Reports - N/A

- Children's museum has a full hive.
- Maywood hive has a hive, needed a new queen.
- June 18th at Bookworm Gardens, Keith needs some helpers for his program on pollinators. He hopes to have someone help with cleanup. Keith will continue to accept cans and pots for his project up until the picnic in June.
- Picnic - June 14th - 6:30 at Rochester Park will be a pot luck, bring a dish to pass. Club will supply hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring white elephant items etc. for bingo. The park opens at 4:30. Volunteers are needed to start the grill at 5 pm. Jamie will bring charcoal and hamburgers and hot dogs. If you want something different, bring it along. Volunteers will bring coolers, with ice and drinks. (Amanda Strogince). Sue will help with serving and the Bingo game.
- Possible new locations for meetings was discussed. Generations - Sue looked into it. They have 2 adjoining rooms, can bring food and arrange tables/chairs. Before leaving, we need to put everything back. \$25 deposit. Charge is \$300 per year, \$150 for part of the year. LTC culinary school is free. Members will check UW Sheboygan and Johnsonville.
- Meetings in January and February. Depends upon where we meet.
- Meeting in November will include a program this year.

Purchases - Book - Name tags for members.

New Business -

- In September, Sheila will have extraction at Maywood. They are looking for volunteers. More information coming.
- New honeybee queen, we need a coordinator, etc. Mary will get us information about the rules and regulations.

Correspondence - None

Q & A Discussion

- What should I be doing this month? Hive that wintered over - split it. Order a new queen. Weak hive - let it grow. Package - feed them for a while - 1 cup sugar to 1 cup water.
- When is it going to warm up, bees aren't happy.
- Please demonstrate smoker use, kept breathing it in and choking. Cotton filler smells, instead uses cedar chips. Use gunny sacks. Wood pellets
- Very few cells - just wait. Bees are new, give them a chance. Nursery bees don't have much to do right now. Wait.
- Beetles in hive. Oil in traps, beetles will go there. Cardboard, oil in there, slide in bottom, they will crawl in there.
- Split a strong hive, or leave them alone and give them more room. Split it in half.
- When to stop feeding a new hive, or existing hive. They will stop eating on their own.
- How to boost a weak overwintered hive. 3 frames of bees will produce well.
- Strong hive, move frames into a weaker hive. Will they swarm if you take the brood out? Remember not to put too much brood in if there is not enough bees to take care of the brood. May and June are swarming months. Check for queen cells. Some virgin queens will go out and don't come back. Some hives that swarm don't produce a new queen.

Hive report - NA

Book Report - N/A

Program - Hal and Kathryn Ribich, mite control. Demonstrated powdered sugar roll to check for mites.

Refreshments - Dan Pitsch and Ralph Worm

Motion to adjourn - Ray N.

Second - Kevin K.

Next meeting is **June 14** - PICNIC - *Annual Picnic!* - 6:30 p.m. Rochester Park, Sheboygan Falls

Meat is provided by the club. Bring a dish to pass and your own table settings. Also bring prizes for the **BINGO** table!

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen