

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association  
May 12, 2015

Secretary's Report - read and accepted

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1586.18

Attendance - 37

Old Business -

- Laura Sauermilch - is looking for volunteers at the Ag Adventure Tent during the Sheboygan County Fair. One opportunity would be for 1 hour - Ask an Expert. A second one would be for a group of 15-20 people to work the tent (it's all about Agriculture -everything is self-explanatory, we would just be there to help kids to explore). The SCBA could also create and set up a display - 10' x 8'. We do have some PowerPoints. (Slideshare.com - has free PowerPoints to upload or download.) Jenny (SCBA Honey Queen) will be there. Another tent - Green Fair - will have vendors. Vendors have to be there for 1 or 2 days. It looks like we have enough people to try one day at the Ag Adventure Tent. We will probably try Saturday, September 5th. Displays must be set up before 9 a.m. Friday. Sheila Wettstein will chair the committee to work on the Fair Display.

Kurt will send an email to the club membership seeing who would like to volunteer for the Ag Adventure Tent.

- Our Honey Queen found a tiara. She will talk to the Honey Queen coordinator before she buys sash.
- Kurt showed spacer for Ziploc feeders.

Committee Reports -

- Picnic will be at Rochester Park, 6:30 p.m. - June 9<sup>th</sup>. Tammy is in charge and will bring meat, Nesco roasters, and charcoal. **Bring Bingo prizes.** The picnic is for Family! Building open at 4:30. Tammy is hoping that someone will be there early to help with frying at 5. Also volunteers with serving. Sue will help with serving. Several people volunteered to help with frying.
- Maywood has their bees. They look good.

Purchases - none

New Business -

- There was a suggestion to streamline meetings. Minutes on line only. They will not be read in the future. If anyone wants a hard copy they will be printed. Suggested topics for spring and fall. Spring - New setup of hives. Fall - Winterizing. Hive reports every

other month. What's up now? What to look for before the next meeting. Maybe have a monthly sheet of what to look for. Mentor sign-up sheet was suggested so that anyone needing advice will know who to contact. People will contact Kurt that would like to be mentors.

#### Correspondence -

- Garry (Honey Land Farms) has extra nucs available. Carl Wesley (Green Bay) has queens for \$22 each [wesleycarlbees@yahoo.com](mailto:wesleycarlbees@yahoo.com)
- Kelly Kane is checking into possible programs for the meetings next year. She emailed the Master Gardeners but hasn't heard back. A possibility is Cooking with honey. A Chef at Kohler Club next April might do something for us. Demonstration Kitchen at Kohler costs \$400 to rent.

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#### Q & A Discussion

- When to treat new bees for varroa mites and hive beetles. Usually new bees are done when you get them. Then treat by mid-August.
- What's the scoop on the Flowbee hive - \$\$\$\$\$. We have two club members that have ordered hives, they should have them next summer. We should be getting information from them as they find out more.
- Do I need foundation in my frames in newly put-together hive. Where can I purchase now..... Yes, it is suggested, check around. Fleet has frames with foundation.

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

Book Report - Ralph Christianson - *The BackYard Beekeeper* - Bee Culture Editor wrote the book. Kim Bottom is the author. There is history and colored pictures.....that show different issues with beekeeping. Written well, doesn't go over your head. Goes through stages of beekeeping. Cooking with honey. Making candles and use of the wax. Concise.

Program - Garry Sydow - swarms - Garry brought a catcher that he made and an informative video.

Refreshments - Linda and Ray Nasgovic and John Peterson

Motion to adjourn - First - John Peterson

Second - Therese Wade

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen