

Sheboygan County Beekeepers Association

July 14, 2015

Secretary's Report - read and accepted

Treasurer's Report - Total in Savings and Checking - \$1434.04

Attendance - 51

Old Business -

- Thanks to everyone that helped with the picnic.
- List of mentors listed in membership book.
- Programs for next year, educational. We hope to have a program in March at the first program, to help get the year off to a good start.

Committee Reports -

- Jennifer Gross - Honey Queen. Club paid for the sash and tiara. She went to Camp Y-Koda to a little girl camp. They all dressed up, and she came in a beautiful dress with her sash and tiara. They had a tea party, and she told them about honey. She's keeping an album. Jenny also went to Maywood yesterday for a group of young children, and they looked at the observation hive. Did mud printing and made pictures with the children.
- WI Honey Queen Coordinator feels that Jenny should develop her own programs. Requests for her to appear should go to Mary Gross.
- Picnic went well.
- Observation Hives. Above and Beyond hasn't contacted SCBA yet. Might take out brood from Maywood Hive, it's doing well. Bees are packed in. Maywood keeps in contact with SCBA.
- Ag Venture Tent for Fair - wondering about a budget for the display. Needs lumber, possibly some other materials. Room will be 8 x 10. We might have an observation hive for the day that we are manning the tent. It's open until 5 p.m. The days that we are not manning the tent, things for the children to look at would be good. Sheila is taking care of this. Might borrow a hive from the Manitowoc kit (through Garry Sydow).

Purchases - none

New Business -

- We now have the proper log-in information for the ADRC computer at the meetings. Can use internet, computer, and DVD for programs.

- Motion for \$100 for budget for Sheila and her committee for Sheboygan County Fair Display, by Tim Mertes, seconded by Dan Pitsch..... Voted on and passed.
- Motion for purchase of a new small suit by Ray Nasgovitz, seconded by John Peterson. Voted on and passed. Kurt Petersen will check into sizes and prices.

Correspondence -

- Pollinator exhibit at Ozaukee Co Fair. Jamie is taking our educational supplies to them for use. They will return to Jamie, end of July to August 3rd.
- Reporter from the *Sheboygan Press* wants to do an article.
- Jamie has forms for Sheboygan County Fair for Honey and Maple Syrup entries for fair. The Fair is Thursday to Monday, September 3rd through 7th.

Q & A Discussion

- What should I be doing with my hives this month. Make sure that the bees have enough room and honey supers. Monitor mite levels. Powdered sugar roll is the standard for mites. There will be a demonstration by Emily at next month's program. Take the entrance reducer off. Oxalic acid vapor should be started now. Needs to be done 3 times.
- Powdered sugar method to see how many mites there are.
- Stop capturing swarms by when....."by July let them fly". Too late to get them going for winter now. Or blend them with existing hives.
- Add super to top or lift and add to hive boxes? Usually on the top. They will go up and fill it.
- Queen excluders, yes or no?
- Colony seems to have excessive number of drones. Make sure you have a queen and no worker brood. Might be a queen less hive.
- What pests/diseases do we need to treat in this area, and when do we treat. Nosema, treat in the fall if you have it. Don't treat it unnecessarily. Foul brood was becoming tolerant to treatments. Now they recommend not to treat it at all. Mites - spring and fall. Honey off, treat mites.
- May 2nd hive installed, take off reducer now. Yes
- Tips on inspecting hive. With supers, etc. stand on milk crates. Have someone help because it's heavy. Watch your bees and see what they are doing.
- Small hive, supplemental feeding this time of year? Give them a bee pollen patty for protein. Feed them and maybe they'll make it through winter.
- One hive killed 3 queens, now no queen. Lazy bees, might help another hive.
- 2 Week hives - join them and build up for winter.
- How to re-queen with laying worker and non-laying worker. Kill old queen and put the new queen in a cage and let them release her. Drone layer, combine with another hive (newspaper).

Hive report - This will be on the agenda for next meeting in August.

Book Report - None.

Program - Terry Zerger - winterizing hives

Refreshments - Corey Brachmann and Stacey Bahr

Motion to adjourn - First - Ray Nasgovitz

Second - Kurt Petersen

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen