

Dunn County Beekeepers Association

Menomonie Alliance Church Room 116

502 21st St. N, Menomonie, WI 54751

February 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: 28

Guests: Dale Wolf

Secretary Report: Recap of Beekeeper workshop. 20 attendees and 19 DCBK workers. Workshop went well, we will have hard numbers next meeting for total costs and money brought in. Looking at on-line guide books next year and holding the event in a smaller room. Buying hive tools to hand out to the students will be assessed next year with options to hand out at those who attend the following beekeepers meeting or not at all as most starter hive kits have a hive tool in them. Other thoughts on reducing costs are welcomed. Motion to accept report: Jim C., second by Sheila B. All accepted

Treasurer report: Mary B. went over the costs and income so far from the workshop. Will have more hard numbers next month. She reported the updated checking, savings, and petty cash amounts. Motion to accept by Jim C. and Veronica K.

New Business: Order bees! We don't promote any particular bee suppliers, but below are the ones that club members are currently purchasing or have purchased from in the past.

- Tom P. had order forms from Black River Apiaries. 5 frame nucs ready the second or third week of May. Tom and the "boys" will pick them up and bring them to the church parking lot. Check made out to Samuel Stoltzfus for the amount, and given to Tom P. 2020 prices are \$130.00 per nuc. Samuel also sells complete hives.
- Wolf Honey Farm- presented info at the meeting on how he installs nucs and packages in cold or rainy weather for success. They are selling packages this year, available early April for \$136.00 for the club price. He has a small amount of nucs. Talk to Dale on availability and price.
- Natures Nectar (west of Stillwater) is selling packages this year, \$159.00 each, ready about mid-April.
- Hanson's Honey Farm – Rhinelander WI, are selling packages on-line. 3# packages with queen for \$144.33 per package, ready early to mid-April. 5 frame nucs with queens for \$180.41/nuc, ready early to mid-May. They have an on-line order form and delivery locations.

Habitat Programs: Beeandbutterflyfund.org and www.bringbackthepollinators.org

"The Pollinators" Movie

Jenny G. and Linda C. are working together to look for others to help co-sponsor the movie. It will cost \$350.00 to show it. We could look at a \$5.00/person charge (or free will offering) at

the entrance. Menomonie Market said they will supply treats. We could have a Dunn County Beekeeper booth there, and also rent out booths to other vendors to help offset the cost.

Jenny G. made a motion that we be a sponsor/co-sponsor to promote this movie in Menomonie at the Tainter Theatre April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. (Earth Day)

Dave W. bring in the observation hive?
Farmers Union donate \$200.00 (Jenny G. will confirm)
Menomonie Market donations (same)

Motion accepted to go ahead with viewing, looking into sponsors and vendors made by Willie M. and second by Tom P. All approved to proceed.

Stephanie H. brought a motion to look into working with a company that can print apparel for us to sell. She will have them put together several honey bee, pollinator, DCBK, and generic beekeeper options, along with apparel options and bring the info back to the next meeting. Looking at doing something that we ourselves can purchase, and also sell as a fundraiser to other clubs, and other people that wish to support honey bees and pollinators.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by Tom P. and seconded by Jim C.