

Dunn County Beekeepers Association

Menomonie Alliance Church Room 116

502 21st St. N, Menomonie, WI 54751

March 9, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 7.04 p.m.

Roll call: 33

Secretary Report: Approved by Veronica K. and Dave W.

Treasurer Report: Approved by Veronica K. and Mary P.

Talked about missing extractor. Duane M. rented to someone, not sure who. Missing for a couple of years now. Changes needed to have people use extractor going forward?

Bees ordered. Tom P. and Dave W. went through parts of a hive; what equipment is needed before the bees get here and answered questions from attendees from the February workshop. Average costs of the actual complete hive, costs and what is included with packages, nucs, etc.

Linda C. reported "Pollinators"-postcards out for Thursday April 23rd 7-8:30 p.m. \$5.00 donation at the door at the Mable Tainter Theatre.

Stephanie H. knows someone that could print bee/pollinator apparel: cotton t-shirts, LS and hoodies, etc. Stephanie H. is to look into this more as there is quite a bit of interest within our club for apparel, plus could be a club fundraiser for others looking to support pollinators without getting a hive.

Hive reports:

Several reports of colony collapse disorder (CCD). Colonies just gone or dead this year, not sure what happened. Suspected hive deaths from mites. Overall a tough winter for hives with the weather changes. Hives that are alive are doing great coming into spring. Make sure they have enough feed to get through till spring pollen and nectar.

Upcoming:

April meeting: Jenny G. will show how and when to do hive splits depending on what you are trying to achieve. Hot to spot and prevent swarms.

May meeting: Linden Drift to look at a queen rearing program and track how queens are doing.

Adjourn 8:21 p.m. Approved by Mary L. and Veronica K.