

Dunn County Beekeepers Association

Menomonie Alliance Church Room 116

502 21st St N, Menomonie, WI 54751

Minutes for August 13, 2018 7 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call – 26 attendees

Secretary Report – motion to accept made and passed

Treasurer Report – motion to accept made and passed

Old Business

1. T-Shirts – We have 12 t-shirts available for purchase by members
2. Dunn County Fair review – We had 19 members volunteer to help at fair booth
3. Nominating committee report – Dave W. and Mary H. are leading the nominating committee
4. Picnic report – Everyone had a good time
5. Honey processing center tour – 21-22 people attended the tour
6. WHPA summer meeting – great speaker on controlling Varroa mites.

New Business

1. Honey bee pest management options 2018 – The chart is online for when to treat for mites
 - a. <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>
 - b. <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/TreatmentOptions.pdf>
2. Feeding bees in time of dearth – Mary L. gave a presentation on feeding bees during dearth
3. Mite-a-Thon Sept 8th – 15th – Remember to check for mites and report results
4. Leave no child inside – Knapp Pheasants Forever day for kids/families – Mary B. and Margaret L. will help with this. Dave W. will have a hive ready for bee observing. Justin Kessel will take observation hive to event
5. Christmas party coordinator – Willie M. volunteered to coordinate the Christmas party
6. We need to pick a date for the workshop to schedule with the church calendar(Jan 26th or Feb 2nd) as possible dates

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Open discussion - Hive updates from group

Upcoming events:

September 10th, next meeting

Please send requested agenda topics to Jenny at jmgwis@wwt.net.

What to do this in July / August

See web site for suggestions:

<http://www.dunncountybeekeepers.org/calendar/calendar>

Pull honey and extract

Feed if honey supers are pulled and no forage

Close entrance to smallest opening

Check for mites and treat if warranted

Provide water source near hives

Clean up around apiary in prep for winter

Plan for winterizing – gather materials

Put together mite check kit if you haven't already