

Dunn County Beekeepers Association

Menomonie Alliance Church Room 116

502 21st St. N, Menomonie, Wi 54751

November 9, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 7 p.m.

Roll call: 10

Secretary Report: No secretary report, last month's meeting was held in parking lot and only discussion.

Treasurer Report: Given by Mary B. Approved by Dave W. and seconded by Wayne B.

Dave Wolske did a session on grafting and raising queens.

Grafts are made using different grafting tools and methods. A warm area is needed with very good lighting, good magnifying glass/glasses and a very steady hand.

Pick a good strong hive with a gentle queen.

Tips on grafting your queen cells.

You will need a nuc box with four frames of drawn comb, two of them with pollen and honey. Shake three frames of nurse bees into the nuc to care for and keep the eggs warm.

Once grafting is done, and frames are all in the nuc, leave them alone for about nine days. At that time, the queen cells should be capped. You may then harvest the queen cells and put them into your waiting hives; use them for splits or make new hives.

Wait two weeks before checking the hives for eggs in the new hives. 3-4 days more and you should start seeing eggs and larvae.

Total time from beginning (grafting) to laying queen is 23-24 days.

Group Discussion:

Decided not to have a Christmas party this year or a December meeting

Next meeting to be held January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

No Beekeeping Workshop this year.

Looked at increasing the dues from \$5.00 per year per person to \$10.00 per person per year to help cover costs. Motion to accept by Linda C. and seconded by Dave W. Motion approved.

Special notice sent out to beekeepers to notify them of these changes.

Upcoming January meeting: winter hive checks, hive feeding, and looking at buying bees.

Adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Motion made by Linda C. and seconded by Dave W.