

Dunn County Beekeepers Association

Menomonie Alliance Church Room 116

502 21st St. N, Menomonie, Wi 54751

January 11, 2021

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

Roll call: 10 attendees

Secretary Report: Condensed report on Dave W. presentation on raising Queens.

Note: Last meeting there was a unanimous vote to postpone all elections until fall 2021. All positions will remain the same until then.

Motion to accept secretary report made by Wayne B. and second by Emily W.

Treasurer Report: Mary B. reviewed the past years' budgets and changes that need to be made for 2021 budget because we will not have our workshop, and not sure about the Dunn County Fair yet. The Fair Board will let her know by February sometime so we can plan. If no Fair, with us raising dues to \$10.00 per person, we will be okay.

We used to have about 85 members. We had 60 members in 2020 and thinking between 50-60 members for 2021. Dues can still be paid at the next beekeeper meeting in February.

For those that would like to send 10.00 per person dues directly to Mary B., please use the following address. Please make checks out to:

"Dunn County Beekeepers"

Mary Buschmann

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Downing, WI 54734

Willie asked for a motion to accept the treasurer report. All accepted, motion passed

New Business:

Ordering Bees: Tom P. and Dave W. have spoken with Black River Apiaries again this year and will put together the order form. Prices look to be very similar to last year at \$130/nuc. Tom P. will confirm. We will have the order forms at the next meeting, February 8th. If you would like to order bees you need to have the forms filled out and money to Tom P. by the next meeting. We can get you an order form ahead of time if you want one. Other places sell bees as well. The Club will probably not be doing a club order with any other bee suppliers this year.

Hive Reports: Most everyone has checked their hives during one of the warmer days we've recently had, or have seen their bees out flying a bit. The majority of us are seeing bees already up in the candy boards, so either bees are running low on food, or like the warmer air up at the top. During warmer days, plan to check to make sure your bees have an emergency supply of food if they do run out of honey. Queens will begin laying and bees will consume more food quickly going into the next couple of months. Remember to keep the snow away from entrances so bees can get air and not asphyxiate. Dan S. has built a shelter for his hives this year and it seems to be working well. He will take some pictures and share at the next meeting. Dave W. has been monitoring his hive scale. So far it has only gone down 10 pounds since November. Usually, it drops about 2 pounds per week. The weight should start dropping more going forward with new bees hatching, more movement, and plenty of cold weather ahead. He will share updated hive scale weight at the next meeting as well.

Motion to adjourn made by Emily W. and seconded by Wayne B.

Adjournment at 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.