

I. Meeting called to order: 7pm

II. Election of new officers

Paul Will: nominated, seconded and affirmed by voice vote for the office of President.

Daniel Winings: nominated, seconded and affirmed by voice vote for office of Secretary/
Treasurer.

III. Dunn County Fair Report

Slide show is available on the website.

Lots of people were asking for honey sticks. Given that we are now paying for a booth at the fair, the opinion was voiced that we should consider selling honey sticks.

The State Honey Queen, Danielle Dale, visited the booth on Friday.
Sara Rushfeldt, NW District Honey Producers Queen, visited the booth on Sunday. She is currently looking for a volunteer to assist in scheduling her appearances.

IV. Upcoming Events:

Future meetings of the Dunn County Beekeepers will take place in room 158. Some concern was stated concerning the state of the room after we left.

Pheasants Forever "Ringneck Rally for Youth: No Kid Left Indoors" will take place on August 27, 2011, 10am-3pm in Knapp, Wisconsin.

Marla Spivak will be speaking at an event hosted by the Eau Claire County Master Gardeners on February 4, 2012.

V. 2012 "Introduction to Beekeeping" course.

The DAV hall is not available for our traditional date (Feb 4, 2012). Discussion followed concerning alternative dates and meeting places.

Motion made to check with the DAV to see if their facilities are available for January 21, 2012. Seconded and Affirmed by voice vote.

VI. Bee Reports:

Synopsis:

Slow/Having Problems: 4

Mixed results: 5

Great: 3

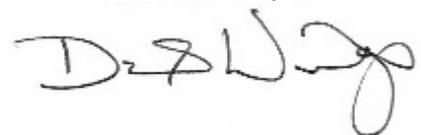
- Frequent rain is diluting nectar and reducing yields.
- Chalkbrood has been observed. This could be due to increased humidity and moisture. Be sure hives are dry. Consider elevating on a pallet. Keep clear of vegetation.
- If using foundationless method can place a medium frame in a deep body and then break off the wax below the bar and use rubber bands to hold it in a fresh frame to encourage bees to move us into super.
- Conditions also encourage Nosema

- Some Honey Glow bees were sent to be diagnosis when the packages were received and they contained Nosema spores.
- Golden Rod is already blooming (about three weeks ahead of expected). Not much will bloom after Golden Rod. If you do fall splits, there will not be much left for the bees to feed upon.
- Increased honey moisture observed. Honey darker than previous years.
- Using Honey-B-Healthy in a spray bottle instead of smoke and it really seems to work well.
- Swarms from the summer doing OK. Some are being kept in a two-queen system.
- Please submit your favorite honey recipes for the website.
- Reviews/Opinions concerning an electric uncapping knife.
 - I'd never go back to a cold knife.
 - Uncapping fork is great but smaller wax particles clog filters quickly.
 - Some members have used an "uncapping roller" and like it.
 - I find a bread knife heated with water kept in an electric skillet works fine.
 - My electric knife burns honey.
 - Uncapping planes are great but my wrist bothers me after a while.
- Modified hive top with vents seems to be working great to ventilate hive. Few bees have been seen outside the hive during our hot days.
- Easier way to re-queen:
 - Move hive off of bottom board
 - Place an empty hive body with frames on the bottom board.
 - Place queen excluder on empty hive body
 - Carefully brush bees from frames on to the excluder.
 - May find more than one queen.
 - When you kill the old queen rub her on the wire of the new queen's cage. This will improve acceptance of the new queen.
- I had a problem with a mother skunk teacher her kits to eat bees. I never killed anything before but I got the rifle and killed those skunks!
- June was a great month with a great clover flow. July's rain reduced production.
- I John Lockerman will be selling honey in 5 gallon pails this fall.

VII. For Next Meeting (September 12, 2011):

- Please discuss the option of a club extractor.
- Discuss 2012 Introduction to Beekeeping course location and date.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel Winings
9 August 2011