

- I. Meeting called to order
- II. Announcements
 - A. Wisconsin Honey Producers convention will take place November 4-7th in Wisconsin Rapids.
 - B. John Spate's 90 minute "World of Honey" talk went well and elicited a lot of questions.
 - C. Contact the DNR regarding damage from Black Bears.
 - D. Craigslist: 2 frame honey extractor for sale.
- III. Minutes from last meeting read and accepted.
- IV. Treasurer's report read and accepted.
- V. Re: a club honey extractor
 - A. Chippewa/Eau Claire: John Spate has a personal extractor that he loans out.
 - B. St. Croix: Does not have a club extractor but is interested in our decision.
 - C. Dane: No concern regarding the spreading of disease. They use soap and water for clean up. They use an on-line calendar to schedule the use and charge a \$20 fee for its use.
 - D. Observations:
 - i. It is a challenge to find an extractor to borrow otherwise.
 - ii. Could we find a good used extractor? Should we just keep our eyes open?
 - iii. Charge \$10 a use?
 - E. Tabled until spring.
- VI. Film regarding the challenges facing the honey bee to be shown at the Mabel Tainter October 18th at 630pm.
- VII. Feeding:
 - A. Candy boards: 1 cup water for 5# sugar and let it sit over night. Put on any time between now and march.
 - B. Top Feeders and division feeders explained.
 - C. Ventilation above inner cover explained.
- VIII. Shipping Bees South explained:
 - A. Took them to Dale Wolf in your own equipment
 - B. Moved them onto pallets, migratory covers.
 - C. Return between 1 April and 15 April 2012
 - D. You get your equipment back and same strength of hives
 - E. Questions: Africanized? Queen genetics?
 - F. No money exchanged

- IX. Other Winter Issues:
 - A. Inner Covers made from “Built Rite” to soak up moisture passed around.
 - B. Wrap hives with tar paper or insulation the week before deer season
 - C. Keep in place with: tape, plastic cap nails or large rubber bands

- X. Regarding Mite Away II:
 - A. In one experience, it only killed half the mites.
 - B. Higher temperature during use can kill bees.
 - C. Both dangerous to use/less dangerous than some alternatives

- XI. Annual Christmas Party: Potluck chosen over a restaurant by vote.
- XII. Annual Introduction to Beekeeping Class:
 - A. Keep it the same price: yes.
 - B. We can use all the equipment at the Fish and Game building.
 - C. November meeting: assign roles.

- XIII. Residential Zoning: Mary Lotten
 - A. Shared story of experience which ended in her moving her bees off her property.
 - B. Zoning update being discussed by county governemtn at this time.
 - C. Current zoning reads: “If not permitted or use shall be considered prohibited...”
 - D. Some club members know the members of the committee reviewing the zoning.
 - E. Should we write a club letter to the county board?

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Winings