

- I. Meeting called to order: 7pm
- II. 2012 Introduction to Beekeeping class
 - a. Disabled American Veterans Hall has been closed and will be unavailable
 - b. Fish and Game Building at Waconda Park was secured for \$100.
 - a. Better PA and acoustics
- III. Marla Spivak will not be at the Feb 4 Master Gardeners' event. Gary Reuter will be there in her stead.
- IV. Minutes from August Meeting and Treasurer's report were read; each was approved by voice vote.
- V. Ringneck Rally (August 27th) went well.
 - a. Lots of kids and adults stopped to talk about bees
 - b. Beautiful day.
 - c. ~480 kids attended the rally.
 - d. The booth was a success. Thank you to the volunteers who made it happen.
- VI. Sarah Rushfeldt (Wisconsin Honey Bee Candidate) is running short of money.
 - a. Other local clubs are donating additional funds to cover her convention expenses.
 - b. She is not allowed to use her own money.
 - c. Additional \$200 contribution passed by voice vote.
- VII. Community Garden
 - a. City Council is not yet ready to see a bee hive(s) at the garden.
 - b. Could jail inmates have hives
 - c. Daniel Winings volunteered to liaison with other organizations if jail hives are pursued.
- VIII. Club Extractor
 - a. Dane County has two
 - b. Could individuals who have extractors offer their own for use?
 - c. Mark Johnson in Irvington will extract. Will not get your own honey back.
 - d. Who would store the extractor? Deposit to use? How would it be cleaned?

- e. What are the chances of sharing disease
- f. Mary Laten to investigate how Dane County manages their extractors.
- g. Issue tabled until next month

IX. Vandalism in Eau Galle

- a. Beekeeper had hives knocked over twice this summer.

X. Bee Reports

- 1/3 light for the winter 2/3 looking ok or close to ok.
- 1/3 of hives may not last the winter
- Fall aster is just starting to bloom
- I'll be getting a little bit of honey
- Packages were slow; nucs did ok but no honey to harvest
- Anise Hyssop Is in bloom
- Is breeding for hygienic behavior decreasing honey production?
- I think the problem is poorly mated queens
- ½ are doing well; ½ are doing great
- 1 hive gave me one deep to extract (in addition to two deeps to overwinter)
- 1/3 great; 1/3 average; 1/3 poor. Honey has been pulled and getting ready for winter
- Getting ready to put on feed and entrance reducer
- Feed 2:1 ratio
- 2 dead hives. They must have gone queenless around June.
- Disappointed by crop
- They only moved into the super when I took out the Queen excluder
- ½ poor, ½ ok but no honey crop; worried about winter
- Pulled crop about three weeks ago and used mite away. It seemed to work well
- Not finding many mites
- There is a spot on the website if you have honey to sell
- I'll start feeding next week using open feeding in 55 ga barrel.
- Kohn suggests 150# of honey for a hive to get through the winter.
- ½ will give me nothing. ½ were packed with honey.

- After 9/15 I never take the inner cover off. Let it stay sealed with propolis.
- A cold winter coming due to La Nina.
- Not much of a crop; I started to feed.
- I need dynamite and a chisel to get into those hives
- Still have a lot of things flowering
- 160# of honey harvested from two hives started on foundation this spring plus even more since
- 3 brought an ok harvest; 7 just ready for winter; others are a loss. Enough honey harvested to give for Christmas presents.
- Hive is still producing honey but since they swarmed not enough to harvest
- Dead bees out front (not drones) One really weak hive.
- What do people sell honey for? (\$7 - \$14 a quart)
- Why do bees from the same hive look different? (Queen breeds with 15 or more males who bring different genetic material.

Meeting Adjourned: 905pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Winings". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the name.

Daniel Winings

14 September 2011