

13 February 2012

Dunn County Beekeepers

- I. Meeting called to order at 700pm
- II. Previous minutes read and accepted.
- III. Treasurer's report
 - a. The annual Introduction to Beekeeping course cost slightly more than the revenue we received but we have forty books left over to use next year.
 - b. Same balance as this same time last year.
 - c. Account balances reviewed
 - d. Report accepted.
- IV. Annual Introduction to beekeeping class observations:
 - a. Class seemed to go well.
 - b. More tables to have equipment on would have been nice.
 - c. Difficult to see from the back.
 - d. If we use the same facility we will need to cap attendance at 50 or 60.
 - e. Could we add a second station to discuss the parts of the hive?
 - f. DAV is re-opening. Do we want to use the Fish and Game building again or return to DAV?
 - g. The hands on time was chaotic.
- V. Discussion around Hay River Transformation Initiative Beekeeping overview:
 - a. 9am you can show up and sign up for courses.
 - b. \$10 per person for the day. Includes lunch and three courses.
 - c. Beekeeping overview begins at 130pm
 - d. Tom Prescott, David Wolske and Daniel Winings will be there to present. Others are welcome.
- VI. Question and group discussion regarding whether or not hobbyist beekeepers have extra insurance or just use their homeowners.
- VII. No cook candy board recipe: 3 cups water mixed with 15 pounds of sugar. Pour and let harden for 18 hours. Hardwire cloth works as well or better than screws and nails to keep candy connected to the top of the board.
- VIII. Discussion of whether to move money from our savings account to a checking account to provide for better record keeping. Daniel will talk to Westconsin Credit Union on the matter.
 - a. Is the fact that the club does not have an address a problem?
 - b. Would RCU have a program that fits us better?
 - c. Can we have two signers to the account in case the treasurer gets hit by a bus?
- IX. Discussion about how to formalize and improve a mentor program to help people connect.
 - a. Make a list available?
 - b. Willing to meet early for the first Club meeting after the annual Introduction course?
 - c. Tabled until next meeting for people to think through ideas.

- X. Discussion about a hands on course during the summer so people have the opportunity to work a hive.
- XI. Drawing and awarding of door prizes.
- XII. Move made to close the meeting. Movement seconded and receive unanimous approval.