

11 March 2012

- I. Meeting called to order at 7pm
- II. Secretary's Report: Minutes accepted
- III. Treasurer's Report: report accepted.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Hay River Transition Initiative
 - i. More people at the event than last year.
 - ii. ~20 people at our class.
 - iii. A positive experience for the teachers and the participants.
 - b. Checking Account: Daniel had not made it to Westconsin Credit Union. Tabled until next meeting.
 - c. County Ordinance: Process is ongoing
 - d. Fair:
 - i. Agreed to send in the form to reserve a table
 - ii. Started the list to see who could man the table
 - iii. Check with 4H and American Beekeeping Association to see if we have access to their liability insurance.
 - e. Packages should arrive the first or second week of April
 - f. Mentors
 - i. List compiled of people willing to serve as mentors to new beekeepers
 - ii. List will be mailed to people who attended the most recent "Introduction to Beekeeping" course.
- V. New Business:
 - a. NW Beekeepers
 - i. will meet in Knapp at 10 am
 - ii. There will be presentations regarding reclaiming "slum gum" and other practices.
 - iii. Bring dish to pass
 - iv. \$2 to enter.
 - b. Group Extractor
 - i. Size: needs to be easy to move. Four Deeps?
 - ii. Duane willing to store.
 - iii. Get a basic one. When people are into the hobby enough to complain then it is time for them to buy their own.
 - c. Send more pictures to George Adams for the web page.
 - d. Bee Reports:
 - i. Positive Reports: 12
 - ii. Neutral Reports: 5
 - iii. Negative Reports: 3
 - iv. Maples and willows will be blooming soon
 - e. Discussion
 - i. Splits in April?
 - ii. Shared overwintering tactics and success/failures from this past winter.
 - iii. Wait until April to fill out overwintering surveys.
 - iv. Passed around some Varroa mites for people to see them.