

December Meeting of the Dunn County Beekeepers ~ 2013

12/09/2013

Secretary's Report-given, motion made and accepted

Treasurer Report-given, motion made and accepted

Old Business

Jim Burritt @ UW Stout

- He and William will be going down to the American Beekeeping Federation in Baton Rouge to present their findings.
- Klaus invited the pair back to share how that presentation goes.

Dunn County Fair booth

- Have to get the booth for the fair secured
- Cindy will take care of the paperwork/\$\$\$ and send it in

Bee Class

Building Rental

- motion made to rent the whole building versus the top floor
- motion accepted

Class Sign-up so far

- Michelle says we have 6 people signed up for the class so far (2 families)
- Will Michelle write up a press release???
- Klaus will attach the registration to any letters and emails that he sends out
- Email from Tom Long (from Duluth, formerly of Menomonie) wants to start a bee class up there.
- Extend an invite to have him join the class.
- they have a good Facebook page: Northeast Minnesota Beekeepers

Dave

- Changes in the schedule were reviewed.
- Beekeeping and Domestic Honeybee and hive equipment

Round Robin

- 1.) assembling frames and hive components (Duane)
- 2.) buying equipment (Charlie)
- 3.) Non-traditional Beekeeping (George)
- 4.) Dressing for success (Jennifer and Gary's sons)
- 5.) Honey Harvest – extracting and tasting (Joe)

Demonstration Ideas

- Dave has a package with a can and queen cage for use in the installing of a package
- How to light and use a smoker

T-shirts

- \$7.50-10 t-shirts
- \$20-25 polo shirt
- potential to be used as door prizes

Advertising

- Klaus has secured the ad in the country today
- Klaus will put an ad in Volume One

Mary-Food Report

- Excellent prices from Kwik Trip and Gordy's
- chili and or chicken soup (from KT)
- assortment of donuts (from KT)
- cookies (from Jenny)
- bananas (from KT)
- Trays of each turkey, ham and cheese (Gordy's)
- condiments: some from Jenny, will have to purchase some additional
 - crackers, chips, ice cream, Honey from?)
- food based on 75 people (50 participants, 25 members)
- motion made to accept the lunch plan as presented by Mary and Jenny-accepted

New Business

Free/Donated Bees - Motions Made and Accepted

- to be eligible for free/donated bees you have to be at the class (working or participating) *and* present at the next meeting in February where we will have the drawing for the bees.
- the club will buy one package of the bees for the club member who takes the responsibility of the observation hive at the Dunn County Fair and Pheasants Forever.

Buying Prizes for the Bee Class

- should we buy prizes?
- discussion leaned toward yes

Community Garden Idea

- Bill has a garden plot with bees

- would be an ideal location to do a group hive demonstration
- June? July?
- have the club picnic there?

Member Reflections and Highlights on Beekeeping in 2013

- have one empty hive ready for a swarm, be prepared (Mary)
- most frustrating thing this past year was the small hive beetles (Dave)
- shared story about 'mean' bees and the importance of a good bee suit (Mary)
- would be interesting to get a commercial beekeeper into our meeting for discussion (Jim)

Mentors

- we need to update the mentor list on the website

Pollen Chart

- Katie A. Bolssen, Horticulture Educator@UW Extension shared a chart identifying the different colors of pollen, this may be helpful for beekeepers determining the types of pollen in their hives.

Pollen Colors of Selected Plants	
Plant	Approximate Pollen Color
Apple	yellow white
Plum	light grey, grey
Pear	red yellow
Raspberry	white grey
Asparagus	bright orange
Siberian squill	steel blue
Dandelion	red-yellow, orange
Horse chestnut	anatolia
Blueberry	red-yellow, orange
Allium	light olive
Aster	reddish yellow
Borage	blueish grey
Marigold	orange
Joe Pye Weed	sea blue
White sweet clover	sea blue
Poppy	blueish grey
Phacelia	navy blue
Goldenrod	golden

Data from Karl Foord
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Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Time to eat!