

# May Meeting of the Dunn County Beekeepers ~ 2017

5/8/2017

**Secretary's Report**-given motion made and accepted

**Treasurer Report**-given motion made and accepted

## **AGENDA**

- Roll call -- Beekeepers sign in
- Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Meeting Adjourned

## **Old Business**

### **Bee Package Install**

- How did it go?
- some experiences were shared
- if you have ants by your hive, use cinnamon around your hives.

## **New Business**

### **Dunn County Fair**

- organization of our fair booth has begun
- currently, we are looking for volunteers to staff the booth

## **NOTICE - June 2017 DCB meeting**

- Klaus has arranged a guest speaker (Dr. Becky Masterman) from the Bee Squad
- the meeting will be in Jarvis Hall Science wing
- ROOM 112
- parking is the same as for the April meeting.

### **Informal Winter Kill survey results**

- 30 people replied
- 80 hives were reported on
  - 56 were lost
  - 24 were alive
  - 70% loss rate
- treated vs untreated
  - it was a 50-50 split

- 40 were, 40 were not
- there was more loss in the treated hives vs the loss of the untreated hives
- Hive losses
  - some conversation was spurred to include the option of sending your hives south for the winter. You would need to find a commercial contact.

## **Tom and Dave presentation**

### How to do a split?

- Colony reproduction
  - swarming-natural reproduction
  - split (why?)
    - for swarm management
    - to increase your numbers of colonies
    - early mid spring split to increase production
    - a walk-away split....where you let one of them make their own queen.

### July DCB meeting

- will be at Wakanda Park
- at 7:00
- we provide the meat
- YOU bring a dish to pass

What is the role of a nuc in an apiary?

Attendance: 40 people