

August Meeting of the Dunn County Beekeepers ~ 2017

8/7/2017

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

Review of the Dunn Co Fair and our booth

- many thanks to Mary and Neal for all their work on set-up and tear-down
- thanks to Dave W. for bringing the demonstration hive daily and helping with tear down
- 27 people signed up for the winter workshop
- July25-29th are the dates for the 2018 fair
- It cost us about \$500 for the fair fee, admission fees, candy
- We **NEED** a poster differentiating wasps and hornets from honeybees.
- An individual approached the booth and inquired about having hives on his land....information follows:
 - Carl Jalowitz
 - E4648 330th Ave
 - Menomonie, WI 54751
 - 715-664-8233

New Business

Menomonie Alliance Church building use policies

- They are charging room usage fees and also for events held at the church
- They are offering us a monthly room rate of \$25 (discounted from \$50) and rent of \$300 for the gymnasium (discounted from \$600) for the our workshop.
- They seem very willing to work with us.
- members present thought the rates were fair for the asking
- we like meeting at the same place
- **MOTION: We accept the \$25 room fee and \$300 workshop event fee. PASSED!**

2018 Beekeeping Workshop

We looked at the calendar and tentatively have Feb 3rd down for the workshop. Stay tuned for details....and come to our meetings!

Liability Insurance for Fair board

- the board has mandated a liability policy for all booth participants
- action to take? Can we approach the fair board to find out about ownership, and what is the reason for this? They have no liability insurance?
 - Who owns the fair land? The county? The hockey league?
 - If it is County owned, their insurance should suffice
 - We are a draw to the building
 - No products are sold, not even honey sticks-they are given away

This conversation rolled into conversation regarding non-profit status....

- non-profit status could maybe achieved by partnering with another larger non-profit
- Mary L. gave the example of the Community Gardens working 'under' Farmer-to-Farmer
- Community garden does have liability insurance...Mary L. is going to investigate if the club hive is covered?
- A member suggested that our membership fee is low and maybe that could be increased.

Opportunities if Interested

Govins

- They are doing their corn maze in mid-September thru Mid October
- they are interested in having a bee display as it would go with their theme
- If interested, contact Julie & John Govin @ 715-231-2377

Kids Event

- August 19th at Rod and Gun Club, west side of Durand
- starting at 10:30 check in, 11:00 main event....till afternoon
- 5 groups of children spend 15-25 minutes per station.

Election of New Officers (President and Secretary offices)

President

Klaus gave a summarizing statement covering the club under his presidency. All the speakers, making t-shirts, bear talks, Jim Burritt, Gordon Waller hive inspection, a much improved fair booth, we have a club hive, did the winter hive survey, and relying on our members for insight and guidance.

Given this- NOBODY came forward to take over the president position. This was disappointing. Klaus will appeal to members at the September meeting for someone to take over his position...he will not linger on as president and will be done after the September meeting. What will it mean for our club if there is no President? Give that some thought and consider how you can help!

Secretary

- Pat Wilson volunteered and accepted the Secretary position. She will start the office in October as she cannot be at the September meeting.
- Scott will cover the September meeting for her
- Thank you Pat!

Jim C. kept us entertained with his beekeeping stories.....you missed out! 😊 The “13 supers high” story was especially entertaining!