

Dunn County Beekeepers Association
Menomonie Alliance Church Room 116
Minutes for 10/9/2017

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M.

Roll call – Beekeepers sign in sheet was passed around (28).

Secretary's Report – motion to accept made and passed.

Treasurer Report – motion to accept made and passed.

Old Business

Mark your calendars

Fair dates 2018 – last weekend in July, Thursday July 26 to Sunday July 29, 2018 with set up Wednesday July 25.

Workshop day is February 3, 2018.

Club Extractor

- a. First is housed by Duane M. – Duane M. was not present, so not sure if extractor has been returned or not. Jenny will follow up.
- b. Second is housed by Mary & Dave P.
- c. Addresses on web site dunncountybeekeepers.org under "Equipment".

Liability Insurance – Jenny propose to postpone to New Business.

New Business

Organization Topics

Jenny walked through the 'organization' document asking for volunteers to lead many of the activities. The goal is to have a 'standard operating procedure' (SOP) that can be put in a binder and used by the club in future years. Electronic copies will be on the web site. If there is a topic on the 'organization' document you would like to lead or help with, let Jenny know via email at jmgwis@wwt.net or with a phone call at 715-456-5587.

Financial: Nancy W & Jenny G

Member Services (Roster & E-mail List): Mary P. & Mary B. presented a proposal for gathering certain information and then publishing a hardcopy roster to the group at the next meeting. Members not present will be asked to provide same information via email if they want their name on the roster. After the workshop the roster will be updated again. Motion to accept the proposal was passed. A form requesting information to put on the roster was passed around for those who wanted to be on the roster.

Bee Orders: Mary B. & Pat W. will create an SOP for the process of ordering honeybees through the club. Dave W. agreed to assist in finding supplier and to coordinate pickup and delivery.

Use of Club Equipment: Veronica K. and Sarah D. to create an SOP.

Presenter's Token gift for presenters: Willie M. suggested gas card or jar of 'club honey'. Give Jenny suggestions for presenters.

Pollinator Friendly Habitat subgroup - Bee friendly plants and programs; Mary L. reported the group met and identified goals for the year. Mary L. will co-chair and is looking for another person to co-chair with her.

Liability Insurance / Non-profit status – a couple people will gather more information for next meeting.

Winterizing Presentation

Dave W. and Tom P. talked about winterizing hives for the winter. Treat for mites; make sure they have plenty of food; having a wind break, food and ventilation are very important; insulate so don't have condensation; and try to mouse proof hives.

Candy Board Samples

Dave W. and Jenny G. had samples of candy boards and recipe for candy. Instructions and recipes Jenny discussed are posted on website.

WHPA Convention

Convention is in Eau Claire Nov 2-4. See www.wihoney.org for details.

Dave W. proposed to purchase items to donate for the Honey Queen auction at the convention. Motion made and approved for Dave W. to spend up to \$150 on items from the club for the auction.

Randy R. gave an update on convention speakers and registration.

Jenny G. showed the clothes pin 'dress' made with a bee print fabric that she is donating to the queen auction.

Sunflower Pollen Collection

Jenny G. brought in a sample of the Daytona organic sunflower pollen to see and smell. The pollen was gathered from 24 hives for the second year at the Messa farm near Downsville. The pollen is being studied at the North Carolina University for its positive effects on bee gut diseases. Of the 65 pounds collected about 50 was pure sunflower pollen. Last year 35 pounds of a wide mixture of pollen was collected. Seeds will be given out at February club meeting attendees.

Next Month's agenda – Jenny asked those present for topics for next month's agenda.

Meeting adjourned about 9:10 p.m.

Tasks for beekeepers

Feed yours bees, get candy boards and winterizing materials ready and clean up supers.

Honey Sampling

Members brought in honey for members to sample.

As a 'thank you' to Klaus B. and Scott W. for their four years of service as president and secretary, cake and cookies were served to those present.