

**Dunn County Beekeepers Association
Menomonie Alliance Church room 116
502 21st St. N, Menomonie, WI 54751
Minutes May 13, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call-24 attendees

Secretary's Report: Willie reviewed the April minutes. Motion to approve made by Jenny G. and seconded by Dave W. to accept.

Treasurer Report: Mary B. presented her report. Beekeeper Roster is updated and Mary B. handed out copies. She will be purchasing honey sticks for the fair. Motion to approve made by Dave W. and seconded by Jim C.

Tom P. and Jim C. picked up the bees from Black River Apiaries and got them delivered/picked up today. Other than one hive that Jim C. received, which looks like it's without a queen, all the nucs look good, are nice and heavy, and have a good four frames filled out with bees and brood. Bees look to be pretty mild mannered as well this year. Let's hope that continues!

Old Business:

John Sippl, District Conservationist from NRCS was to give a presentation, but didn't not come.

Jenny Gruber: Pollinator Friendly Habitat is a subgroup that is interested in sharing ideas, seeds, and information on growing a pollinator friendly habitat. She is wondering how many are interested and if we want to possibly meet just before the DCBK meetings. Also tips on good internet sites for information: Ohio Bee Lab; MN State Bee Lab; and Michigan-Megan Milbreth.

Veronica Knudsen: Upper Michigan information-Megan Milbreth- information on bee friendly plants. Tips to pull honey off four weeks before 1st frost, then feed bees hard with 2:1 syrup so they can fill up the hive, dehydrate it, and cap it before cold weather to have plenty of food for winter. Trees that are great nectar and pollen sources for bees: poplar, willow, sumac, maple and basswood. One good tree = nectar amount equal to about an acre of clover.

Upcoming Events: Next meeting - June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Menomonie Community Garden. April Kustov, State Apiary Inspector, will do hive inspections; tips for healthy hives and have a general discussion. April will be available to do individual hive inspections June 10th through the mid-day of June 12th. Let President Willie M. know if you are interested. (20galdnr@gmail.com)

Summer picnic on July 8th.

Dunn County Fair – July 24 - 28. Please let Veronica K. know when you can volunteer/work the booth. We need 2-3 people for each time slot. Veronica K. emailed the dates and slots that are still open. Willie M. has invited our WI Honey Queen to be at our Booth during one of those slots.

Volunteers/Suggestions for Meeting presentations/speakers- please send to: President Willie M. at 20galdnr@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Monday June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Menomonie Community Garden south side of town on 9th Street E/ County Road Y.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motioned by Jenny G. and seconded by Dennis M.