

Dunn County Beekeepers Association

Menomonie Alliance Church Room 116

502 21st St. N, Menomonie, Wi 54751

October 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 p.m.

Roll call: 18

Secretary Report: Angie M. went over last meeting's minutes. Hive reports, mite treatments options, mouse guards and feeding up your hives. Motion to accept minutes by Veronica K. and seconded by Sheila B.

Treasurer Report: Mary B. updated the DCBK checkbook, savings and petty cash amounts. Motion to accept report by Dave W. and seconded by Veronica K.

Old business:

The club has a honey extractor that hasn't been returned. If you know who has it, please reach out to them to have it returned to the club.

Mite-a-thon was last month. For all of those who want to check the results, here is the link:
<https://bip2.beeinformed.org/mitecheck/results>

New Business:

Elections: no motion for new president or secretary. Willie M. will remain as president, Angie M. will remain as secretary. Motion to accept officers made by Dave W. and seconded by Veronica K.

Christmas Party: Looking at December 9, 2019. Two locations are being looked into for this year's party. Option 1: Coyote's

Option 2: Lucette's

Angie M. will be sending out a questionnaire as to preference and head count once we get some info back on both location's availability for that date.

Beekeeper Workshop:

Mary B. is looking to see if February 8, 2020 is available at the church for the workshop.

Veronica K. will check with bee vendors for door prizes and brochures.

Willie M. will check to see how many hive tools we have left from last year.

Once we have this info, we will put together a “save the date” for the community and Facebook. Hoping for 50 families to sign up. At this point, we are looking to have no changes in last year’s program.

Suggested speakers and topics for upcoming meetings:

Beehive products - products made from the hive - Greg M. will check to see if Jodi Lepsch (master beekeeper/CVTC) will speak to our group.

Queen rearing - tips on raising queens, tools and equipment needed - Dave W. and John S.

Diseases/Mite treatment-review options.

Spring topics: Pollinator habitat, bear proofing apiaries, doing hive splits and the State Inspector at club hive.

Question on purchasing club shirts: If you are interested in purchasing a DCBK t-shirt, please contact Mary B. at: mary@dunncountybeekeepers.org and let her know what size.

If you are interested in purchasing “save the pollinators” yard signs from Dave W. and John S., please let them know as they are considering putting in another order for more signs.



Budget update:

Mary B. went over last year’s budget. We had less attendees at our beekeeper workshop and some costs were higher this last year. We do have some carryover on candy, brochures, stamps, and checks, and hive tools. Mary B. will rerun the budget and have it ready for next month’s meeting for approval.

Veronica K. will check on another option for having honey sticks made for our fair booth. Willie M. offered to donate a pail of his honey to help out with costs. Current costs were \$0.06 per straw.

Hive to-do list for this next month:

Finish mite checks and treatments

Feed up your hives as long as they will take it

Mouse guards and entrance reducers on

Wind protection around your apiary

Moisture boards/upper escape entrances and ventilation for bees

Candy boards

Hive wraps

2" insulation board on top of hives with a heavy weight

Store extra hive boxes properly to prevent pests. Moth crystals and protection from critters. Clean smokers and hive tools before putting them away for the winter.

Upcoming events:

Next meeting November 11, 2019

Wisconsin Honey Producers Association Oct 31-Nov 2 in Fon du Lac, WI. See the website: <https://wihoney.org> to look at speakers and sign up to attend.

December 9 2019 Christmas party

February 8 2020 Beekeeper Workshop

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:32 p.m. by Veronica K. and seconded by Dave W.