

March Meeting of the Dunn County Beekeepers ~ 2016

3/14/2016

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 Order Update

- Scott explained the bee package ordering fiasco of losing our bee distributor and going with Nature Nectar.
- Orders will still be honored. However, an extra \$10 for each package is needed. Please pay Mary B.
- The bee packages are coming from California

Jim Burrit

- updated up on his research
- students at Stout did tests on over 1200 bees.
- Jim will be sending out results to those who contributed

George Adams

- George said he lost his bees this spring
- He is looking for someone to take over his responsibilities on the DCB website.
- One volunteer, Mary Phillips, offered to do this. Thank you Mary!

New Business

Dunn County Fair 2016, July 27-31

- We need to decide if we are going to do this.

- We will need to have
- Klaus is looking for some members to commit to doing this.
- We need volunteers for set-up and tear-down, opening and closing day
- We need volunteers to work the shifts
- We will have three shifts per day. Two people at each shift.
- We need a volunteer for the display hive.
- We have a full hive (at Klaus' currently) that needs to be painted and put on display.
- Want the extractor there?
- Want honey candy there?
- Suggestion was made to see if maybe we could put together display on wheels, easily transported and has everything on it.
- could there be any type of video presentation.
- Duane Manor will set up and tear down the display. Dave Wolske will help Duane.
- Veronica Knudsen will set up volunteers.
- bring display materials at next meeting to see what we have.
- Divinia F- offered to create a display plan. we need to send her what items we have so she knows what to work with.
- Volunteer Spot-web-based signup
(<https://www.volunteerspot.com/>)

Learning Topic-Record Keeping

- Do you keep records?
- Helps you keep track of hives, swarms, etc.
- How do you keep records?
- Klaus decided to just use a notebook
- What do others do? Electronic? Special notebooks?
- Veronica-shared some forms that she downloaded and printed off. She went to a Saskatoon beekeepers meeting while in Canada. She provided a website where these

things are located. It is

<http://www.honeycouncil.ca/handbook.php>

- Dave W. is using a day planner book to keep track of our class, buying supplies, ordering, etc.
- Hive tracks
- Nancy W. shared
- Randy R. said the supplyu sellers sell inventory sheets
- Mary L. uses a journal to make narrative notes.
- Klaus-what do you write?
 - the date
 - the temperature
 - number your hives
 - what does the population look like?
 - see eggs?
 - see the queen?
 - dates when super goes on
 - how much honey is in there?
 - mite count
 - when did the supers get filled?
 - pollen colors
 - blooming dates
 - SOAP
 - subjective observations
 - objection observations
 - actions/assessment
 - plan-what is the plan
- Katie-created her own sheet. A lot of information! An example was passed around.
- some beekeepers keep their records on a strip of duct tape and permanent marker. They use a system of markings. This usually is suited for beekeepers managing several hives.
- Is there a University database to add data to?
- software called www.HiveTracks.com
- Having some kind of a system where you keep notes is important. You decide what you need.

- deep discussion with how to mark your hives, using numbers, tags, colors, etc.and accounting for swarms and splits. Lots to consider.

Brandon Jenson

- has nucs only
- located in Thorp

This Saturday is the Northwestern Wisconsin Honey Producers meeting. Info follows:

Saturday, March 19th, 10:00am Location: Knapp Community Center Knapp, WI Speaker will be Dan Ziehli, Bee Inspector for the WI-DATCP; overwintering reports will be taken * There will be a potluck - please bring dish to pass * Please bring items for the queen auction Contact: John Spate 715-874-6454

Attendance : 48