



Brown County Beekeepers Green Bay WI

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Brown County Beekeepers Association, April meeting minutes :

The Brown County Beekeepers Association held their meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in an upstairs room at Titledown Brewery in Green Bay. There were 19 members and 7 guests present.

Attendance: include Lynne Lindgren, Julie Mazzoleni, Dave Elsen, Ed Grys, Marian Puckett, Lisa Miotke, Monika Pynaker, Ronald Melchert, Gary Pusick, David & Alice Blood, Dick Sturm, Josh Jahnke, James Arvey, John Parsons, Todd & Lori Witthuhn, Julianne Sanders, Thomas Cashman, Steve Hupfer, Ann Kinnard, Andrew Higgins, Shawn Legare, Paul Chambers, Gordon Wilker and Pat. President Steve Hupfer

Steve Hupfer, President of BCBA, called the meeting to order at 6:37.

Bills: . \$15.00 for a 3 lb. jar of honey from Lynne Lindgren that was used for mead making. A second bill was for \$5.00 for printing of 25 trifolds by Lisa Miotke. These bills were approved and paid.

Business: By-Laws are to be reviewed for possible changes. We have one volunteer to help review along with Steve. There were no volunteers to run the July picnic. In place of attending the May 16th dinner at the University of Minnesota Foundation, Steve recommended we send a donation of \$500.00. Marla Spivak is the top honeybee researcher there. A vote was taken and a motion was carried. A \$500.00 check was sent to University of Minnesota Bee lab.

Randy Oliver is a private researcher and is not sponsored by any organization. He only gets private donations. Steve H. made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Randy Oliver's research. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Neville Public Museum contacted our club and wanted with their display as well as a sponsorship. There are two levels of sponsorship. .

1. \$500.00 donation, 10 tickets and our club's name placed on a placard at the exhibit's entrance.
2. \$1,000.00 donation, 20 tickets and our logo put on the exhibit's placard.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to send the Museum a \$1,000.00 donation for the exhibit. Some equipment has also been donated.

A movie entitled "Vanishing of the Bees" will be shown on Saturday, June 2nd from 9 am to 11 am at the Ridgeview Plaza, 3758 W. Mason St., Oneida. To go to that, you need to pre-register.

Barnquilt for promotion: Sponsoring a barnquilt may be a good idea to promote beekeeping. The barnquilt would be placed on a building. We could make it ourselves or have it made for us.

New honey extractor: Since we already have a 2 frame extractor, a motion was made to purchase a 4 frame extractor. A 4 frame extractor costs 450-475.00. A motion was made and carried. We will keep the 2 frame extractor so both will be available in the fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ⇒ Definitely De Pere, Farmers Market—Thursday Sept, 6th 4:00 to 8:00 (10 volunteered) **THANK YOU!!** Location: 101 North Broadway De Pere —George street landing area.
- ⇒ Neville Public Museum—Exhibit on BEES, Sept 1 to Nov. 4th. They are looking for BCBA sponsorship and any items we can loan them for the exhibit.





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SPEAKER/Member:

Treasurer Lynne L. took over the meeting and introduced John Parsons who gave a talk on the making of mead. He said that mead was popular with old cultures on this Earth and that mead is the oldest alcoholic beverage. Mead can be classified by sweetness, alcohol level, color, honey expression and adjunct level. The making of mead starts with honey. John said there are several types of mead. There is Basic Mead, Bochet, Great Mead, Melomel and Cyser. John showed how to make a variety of mead with adding oranges, raisins, spices, cloves, apples. Water added. He put on a demonstration using a jug with a one way valve on it. He spoke on the aspects of mead making and said that mead can taste a little different each year even with the same recipe. There were many great questions and good conversations around the making of mead. Thank you Lynne and John for a great presentation.

Closing business/discussion:

Discussions around 9 frame in a brood box or 10 frames. Bee space and temperature are a concern and it is important to always put 10 frames in your brood box. Monika P. will be giving a talk at our June meeting on varroa mites.

Julianne Sanders received a "bee happy" door mat as part of a door prize.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Worth noting: Earl Joseph Alsteen, a former member of Brown County beekeepers Association, passed away May 25th at age 80. Earl join our club in 2004 and was a member for 13 years (to 2016). Earl participated in club events such as working the Botanical garden booth, Octoberfest and Einstein Science Expo in Shopko Hall. Earl was also a member of the Manitowoc Bee Association.

REMEMINDERS:

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 20th
Green Bay Botanical Garden—6:30

WHAT TO DO IN MAY

Hives should be expanding rapidly. Brood chambers are filling and bees are working to fill supers. If not enough space, and brood chambers become crowded and congested, your bees may prepare to swarm.

- * Make sure there is sufficient water
- * Continue to inspect hives every 7-10 days
- * Monitor colonies for queen cells, pests and diseases. Check brood pattern to make sure your queen is laying well.
- * Inspect weak hives to determine cause
- * Attempt to control swarms
- * Once 75% of honey super is capped over, consider adding another box.
- * Try raising your own queen if you like your stock

ONEIDA Agricultural EXPO

Celebrating Oneida and Wisconsin agricultural heritage and future. There was a steady stream of folks stopping by our booth on Saturday June 9th. Great to have the observation hive and THANK YOU to all who participated in this event.



BCBA Officers 2018:
Steve Hupfer, President,
Julie Mazzoleni, VP/Editor
Tom Cashman, Secretary
Lynne Lindgren—Treasurer

