

Door County Beekeeper's Club Minutes
Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 6:30p.m.
Collins Learning Center at Crossroads

Meeting called to Order by Co-Pres. Mark Lentz and Max Martin

Welcome with introduction of members and visitors

Attendance:

Cynthia Easley, Julie Nowak, Jonathan Hemp, Maureen M. Mercies, Mary Loper, Debbie Ulrich, Krista Moyer, Gretchen Schmelzer, Doug Otopalik, Joe Weber, Joan Theys, Sue Doebler, Janice Thomas, Georg Pavlovics, Candisce Bretl, Dennis Marquardt, Lynn Marguardt, Jon Ocker, Tom Max Hollingshead, Max Martin, Dee Martin, Mark Lentz

Treasurer's Report - no report

Member's hive updates and ideas:

- many beekeepers lost colonies this past winter and suspected causes include mites and severe temperature changes,
- Deb Ulrich had no losses and attributed it to "early harvest, early Fall mite treatment, and early Fall supplemental feeding,
- recommended mite checks are monthly on the 15th of each month starting in June,
- reminder to provide water, if dry, don't change location of water source,
- cinnamon can be used for ant prevention,
- "Scientific Beekeeper" online by Andy Oliver is a great, science based resource,
- review of entrance reducers, don't use 3/4" hole, spacer should face up to prevent dead bee build up from blocking entrance,
- add second brood box when outer frames are starting fill up,
- check hives weekly,
- you can register your hive location on "Field Watch" website in the "bee check" section.

Other Business:

- Membership renewals can be done at meetings or downloading membership forms on club website or Facebook page and sent to treasurer. The renewal date is Jan. 1st.
- Values to Club membership-support our outreach programs (like visiting Boys and Girls Club), use of Club equipment, guest speakers, and much, much more!
- a reminder of the "Pollen Palluzza" at Crossroads on August 21st. There will be many topics and our Club will be doing demonstrations,

2021 meeting program updates:

- Gretchen Schmelzer will look into visiting Sweet Mnt. Farms on Washington Is.,
- consider having an Ag grower speak at a meeting,
- consider having the State inspector join a meeting,

Adjourned meeting at 7:45p.m.

Next Meeting(every third Tuesday of the month):

June 15th, 6:30p.m.
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Topic for next meeting is "Hive Dive" and possible visit from inspector

Respectfully Submitted, Doug Otopalik, secretary