

Door County Beekeepers Club Minutes
September 28, 2021, 6:30p.m.
Crossroads Auditorium at Big Creek
Sturgeon Bay, WI

Meeting Called to Order by Co-Chair Max Martin and Mark Lentz

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Max Martin, Mark Lentz, Gretchen Schmeltzer, Scott Abernathy, Jon Ocker, Janice Thomas, Georg Pavloviks, Debby Ulrich, Jim Bater, Doug Otopalik, Cindy Easley, Tom Hollingshead, Tim Iding, Hans Dramm, Jane Hughes

Treasurer's Report: no report

Old Business:

Membership Sharing time

Announced WI Honey Producers Association Fall Convention, Nov 4-6, Wisconsin Rapids

Presentation:

Jeff Bradley was our guest speaker. He gave a history of Modern Beekeeping, starting in the middle of the 19th century with the development Skeps, Langstroth with and without modifications, Layers, Top Bars, and Warre, and Flow hives. He moved through their advantages and disadvantages. Jeff as several different types of hives and is researching which work best. He favors the Warre type hive. His many observations over years of experience include: All bees are local, Bees are adaptive, Hive management is dynamic and require strategies, there is no perfect hive. He went into detail with the Warre type hive which uses the "Nadring" building down technique. He discussed bee genetics and suggest we use this to the advantage of bee development to overcome disease and outside harmful weather and climate change. He uses "Bee Guru", an app that tells you information about your hive by the sounds within the hive. Overall, a fascinating presentation, and we thank Jeff.

The Executive committee will meet 4:00p.m., October 21 at the Crossroads to plan events.

Adjournment at 7:45p.m.

Next Meeting: October 26, Debby Ulrich will share her expertise and using wax.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Otopalik