



Brown County Beekeepers Association

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September 2019 NEWSLETTER

September meeting location: Green Bay
Botanical Gardens 2600 Larsen Rd, Green Bay, WI
54303

Green Bay – Local bee art nice to see:

Down town De Pere, Main street buildings host Bee Art to help bring awareness to honeybees. The ally way is loaded with large bees on the building and there are paintings focusing on bees along the walls.



Also, Bees on Broadway !



AUGUST State Inspector HIVE VISITS:

April Kustov, WI State Inspector, engaged in 11 hive visits from Club Members that signed up for an appointment. April was impressed that everyone was prepared, engaged and had a good understanding of mite management practices. Each participant took some learnings away from the hive visit.



We appreciate April stepping in for Dan Ziehli. No matter where you stand on your bee keeping journey, April has the ability to meet you there, she was a good mentor and teacher to everyone.

September MEETING AGENDA

5:30 Meeting before the Meeting:

NETWORKING – let's talk BEES



6:30 SEPTEMBER MEETING AGENDA:

- Education: Winterization
- Nominating Committee
- Intro to Beekeeping Class
- Additional Bee Keeping Assets to Consider for Purchase

CLUB MEETING EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

September	Networking	Winterization
October	Networking	Self Study
November	Networking	Honey Sales Marketing
December	Christmas Party?	No Official Meeting



What's Happening in the hive in September

Take the time to conduct a thorough inspection before the start of cool temperatures. What you do here will influence the success or failure of your colonies for the coming winter. Take off supers, evaluate your queen, check for mites and treat if needed. Estimate hive strength, and combine weak hives with strong ones. Determine honey stores. If you do not have enough, begin to feed 2:1 sugar/water syrup. Reduce entrances to prevent robbing and keep mice out.

What to prepare for in October

There are fewer and fewer reasons for bees to fly as weather gets cooler. Continue to feed if needed, being careful NOT to over feed since there needs to be enough space for the queen to continue to lay. This is important so you don't end up with older bees vs younger bees trying to carry you through the winter. It's a delicate balance since a common cause of dead out is starvation. Be sure your bees have the resources needed to carry them through the winter. Remove mite treatments according to directions and begin winter preparations.



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August 2019 meeting minutes

Brown County Bee Keepers Association, May meeting minutes: Wednesday August 21, 2019. Green Bay Botanical Garden.

Attendance: Dave Elsen, Julie Mazzoleni, Carl Fisher, Tom Cashman, Julianne Sanders, James Arvey, Ron Melchert, Sarah Mueller, Richard Sturm, Carol Sturm, Jim Suchon, Detlef Weiler, Todd Witthuhn, Brook Wendorf, Jake Voight, John Battiola Roy Lindeman, Bob Raatz, Ryan Good, David Lenz, Joe Des Jarlais,

Dave Elsen President called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Welcome and Announcements

We welcomed new members and visitors.

Matt Mueller, Ryan Goal, Dave Lenz, Brook Wendorf and Jake Voight.



THANK YOU to Sarah Mueller for the home-made cookies, and to Carol and Dick Sturm for beverages and chips and Julianne Sanders for other snacks for the before and after meeting social!

Meeting before the meeting – Honey extraction. Thank you, Carl Fisher and James Arvey, for the demonstration with the 4-frame extractor! Great hands on experience for all who attended.



CLUB BUSINESS:

*Motion made and carried to approve June Meeting Minutes

*Motion made and carried to approve club financials

NEW BUSINESS:

***Nomination committee:** We need 3 volunteers to be on the nominating committee to work on nominating people who may fill the 4 officer seats on the board for the upcoming year. Carl Fisher explained what is involved with these positions “our nominating committee met twice to get a list of people we thought would be a good fit and recommended those to run for the positions on the board”. Sarah Mueller volunteered and Carl said he will do it again if there are no other volunteers. Anyone interested please reach out to Sarah or Carl or contact Dave Elsen.

***Club brochure-** John Bootz and the Brown County Graphics, are willing to assist with the design of our brochure. This is a nice representation of our club when we are with community members and will be a great tool when looking for donations. There was a motion carried and the club approved to spend \$500.00 to complete the brochure project.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

***Summer Picnic** that took place in July. A special “thank you” was extended to Jim Arvey and Dick and Carol Sturm for putting it all together. We enjoyed Jim’s wine! Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

***Kids education:** Julie Mazzoleni told us about her latest experience with our education program at Champions Summer Camp. This is becoming a successful program that is so valuable to our club.



Thank you, Julie for promoting the bees!

***BCBA shirts:** Dave Elsen discussed the shirt order form and distributed order forms so that anyone in the club can order shirts with our logo embroidered.

***Schneider donation:** Julie Mazzoleni read the letter received in the mail from Schneider Inc. The Schneider foundation “Dollars For Doers,” donated \$250.00 for all the volunteer work that Dave Elsen does for our club. Dave Elsen asked that if your company has a donation program that would benefit our club, please reach out to them. It really makes a difference and we really appreciate it.

***Picnic door prize winner:** Brook Wendorf won the top door prize at the summer Picnic! She won a Brown County Beekeepers Association shirt! Congratulations, Brook!



RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Dick and Carol Sturm are excellent volunteers for our club. They have volunteered in a variety of areas such as providing treats for meetings and socials, volunteering to help with Einstein Project, coordinated the Garden Fair event, and also planned and organized the Summer Picnic. Dave Elsen presented Dick and Carol with a certificate and gave them each a shirt with the official Brown County Beekeepers Association logo. Thank you so much Dick and Carol !!

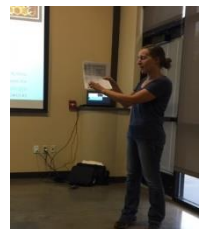


EDUCATION SPEAKER

April Kustov from the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, joined our club for apiary inspections. April spent 2 days inspecting 11 different members’ hives.

April suggested keeping beekeeping a social event. Share your experiences with your neighbors so you can be informed about what problems might be occurring. This keeps the whole community of bees healthy. She handed out guidelines for pest management and detailed hive check charts to use for note taking. She had a lot of valuable information to share with the club! April stressed the importance of being informed. She stressed the importance of using the honeybeehealthcoalition.org website to stay educated on all health and pest issues. Some of the topics that were presented were:

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| Tools | Re-queen schedule |
| Mite Checks | Pest Control |
| Brood Issues | |



Potential Community Activities

Family Fall Festival-there were no volunteers so we will not take part in this event. There will be other opportunities for events.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25



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