

ECWBA Meeting Minutes

Location: Green Lake Caestecker Library, downstairs

Meeting called to order by Gerard Schubert at 9:30

Attendance: 14 New Members: 0

Visiting: 2 Alex and Andi from Ripon College

Club Hives

- Gerard checked the hives, they are 2 deep now with a honey super

Green Lake Fair

- Not as high of attendance this year
- Nobody attended the demonstration
- Fair extension talked about not having the tent next year
- Brought in \$118 and one new member signup

Discussion

- Mite treatment when it's hot, bees are not friendly
 - Don't eat bananas prior to or chew gum during working with bees
 - They are crankier in the heat and after a rain
- Majority of members will be treating again for mites
- Don't treat when above 85 degrees, greater risk of killing queen
- Talked about Apiguard, MAQS, Formic Pro, and Oxalic Acid Vapor

Club Extractor

- Contact Pam at ecwba3@gmail.com to schedule a time to use the club extractor

Re-queening

- Now is the time to requeen for Fall requeening, queens are getting scarce

Sugar

- Fred brought a big barrel that was donated by Cindy Schesky
- A \$5 donation to the club is suggested
- Bring a 5 gal pail that can be filled

Event Volunteering

- Discussion to keep doing it as long as there are volunteers
- Maybe less time/days at events
- More focus on small presentations at clubs and organizations
- Try to target people that have a bee interest/nature enthusiast
- Diedre mentioned having club stuff and bees at the Berlin Farmers Market
 - Gerard will pick a day and whoever can attend is welcome
- Buzz offered to present a class about bee biology and beginning beekeeping for the college

New Business

- Should club purchase a club trailer for the club supplies
 - Cost and where to keep it - Meadery, Ingram's, Gerard's?
- Possible Beginning Beekeeping Class partnered with Ripon College
 - Alex will ask the College

Drone Behavior

- Rhiannon observed many drone entering her hive in the afternoon and wondered why
- Drone leave during the day and come back around 4:00
- Drone congregation areas and those that don't mate go back to hive

Demonstration

- Mark brought his swarm box made from a nuc
- Refurbishing the nuc box when you are done with it
- Can take the nuc off when you capture a swarm and start the swarm out in a nuc, less disturbance

Extracting Sign Up

ecwba3@gmail.com

Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/ecwbeekeepers

@ecwbeekeepers

Club Website

ecwba.weebly.com

Club Blog

<http://ourbeeblog.blogspot.com/>

\$10 Membership Dues

- Mail to Patti Ingram, 724 Congress St., Ripon, WI 54971
- PayPal to Patti Ingram, 920-229-8959, include name and email in Note section

Next Meeting Sept 15th, Green Lake Caestecker Library 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned 11:10

Paul brought watermelon.

Happy National Honeybee Day!!

