

ECWBA Meeting Minutes

Feb. 16, 2019

Location: Green Lake Caestecker Library, downstairs

Meeting called to order by Gerard Schubert at 9:33

Attendance: 15 New Members: Steve, Jean, and Rebecca from the Feb 9th beekeeping class.

Visiting: Kathy

Secretary's Report

Fred moved to accept the minutes and AI seconded it, unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Checking \$994 and Savings \$933

Old Business

- Feb 9th Beekeeping Class
 - 9 in attendance
 - Buzz, Patti, Jon, Paul, and AI staffed the event and brought refreshments
 - The class was well received and lots of questions were asked
 - 3 people from the class attended this meeting
- Bee Presentation at the FDL Public Library
 - Cancelled due to weather
 - Rescheduled for Mar 12th
- Ripon College Sustainability, Leanne was absent but Patti had details
 - May 4th is the Earth Day presentation
 - Patti will be doing it from 3-4:30
- Amending the club constitution to combine the secretary and treasurer positions.
 - AI made the motion and Jean 2nd, unanimous.

New Business

- Patti brought up that it was suggested at the Feb 9 Beekeeping Class to have the club offer a door prize at their meetings.
 - The club discussed this and decided to give it a go.
 - Patti will pick an item not to exceed \$15.
 - Members are to come up and get a ticket if they are interested in the item.
 - Larger priced items may require a donation to enter the drawing.
- Club to make bulk purchases.
 - The club discussed this and decided to give it a go.
 - Fred will purchase Oxalic Acid.
 - Gerard already purchased Hive Alive.
 - Other items will be purchased at appropriate times of the year.
- Club Hives
 - The Green Hive has died, Yellow Hive is still going.
 - Fred offered to donate a nuc if his survive the winter.
 - Club will need to decide to buy or catch a swarm if the Yellow one dies.

General discussion followed

Nucs, Sugar disks, Mite treatment-Fred gave a handout on minimal recommendations

Meeting Changes

- Mar 23rd will be the 4th Saturday instead of 3rd! Many are going to the Wausau conference.
 Discussion about swarms, feeding, bait box and other Spring stuff.
 Go over the signs as to why a hive dies. Cold, Moisture, Nosema, Mites.
- Apr 20th will be a field day at the Meadery!
 Autopsy of Green hive.
 Oxalic Acid demo if Yellow hive lives.

\$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

Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/ecwbeekeepers @ecwbeekeepers

Club Website

ecwba.weebly.com

Club Blog

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

Next Meeting Mar 23rd, Green Lake Caestecker Library 9:30am **DATE CHANGE

Eversweet Apiaries

Honeybees are usually selected for their positive traits which are passed down from the queen & the drones she mated with. There are pros & cons for each breeds' traits. These breeds are the most common in the United States.

HONEYBEE BREEDS

TRAIT	AFRICAN	BUCKFAST	CARNIOLAN	CAUCASIAN	CORDOVAN	ITALIAN	RUSSIAN
CALM ON COMBS	1	10	8	10	7	5	5
DEFENSIVE BEHAVIOR	10	1	1	1	1	2	7
EARLY BUILD UP	10	8	10	6	5	8	10
FORAGES EARLY	5	10	10	1	5	5	10
HONEY COLLECTION	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
HONEY STORAGE	1	10	10	8	8	10	5
NOSEMA RESISTANT	10	5	6	1	5	5	5
POLLEN COLLECTION	5	5	10	5	5	5	5
PROPOLIS COLLECTION	5	5	2	10	5	5	5
TENDENCY TO SWARM	10	2	5	2	5	2	7
TRACHEAL MITE RESISTANT	8	10	8	3	5	5	9
VARROA RESISTANT	10	3	4	3	3	3	5
WINTERS WELL	1	10	10	10	5	10	10

1 = Low Tendency for Trait 10 = High Tendency for Trait

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