

## ECWBA Meeting Minutes

Jan. 19, 2019

*Location:* Green Lake Caestecker Library, downstairs

Meeting called to order by Gerard Schubert at 9:30

Attendance: 26

New Members: 0

Visiting: people from Montello and Waupaca

### Voting

- Vice President
  - No volunteers
  - Gerard asked Rhiannon, she declined
  - Jeff nominated Mike Koeck to re-up, he accepted. Gerard seconded it, unanimous.
- Treasurer
  - Motion made by Laurie and seconded by Al to combine the Secretary/Treasurer position.
  - All were in favor.
  - This is an amendment to the club constitution and will be voted on at the Feb 16 meeting.

### Old Business

- Beekeeping Class
  - Committee- Jack R, Patti, Gerard, Buzz, Jon, Rhiannon, Leanne, Al, Paul
  - Cost is \$50 and refreshments will be provided.
  - Feb 9 at Caestecker Library, upper room
  - Feb 23 at MPTC room O-103
  - Sign up is being offered online at [ecwba.weebly.com/class](http://ecwba.weebly.com/class)
  - Committee is asking that everyone put up posters and spread the word. Below are the links to the letter sized and 11x17 sized posters.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E-d5eOV2BVcH5h2U2C7EF5qpUv2s7HDM/view?usp=sharing>

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/13vXVj2dKxSK\\_dvcukivDAADPI8-8xglo/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/13vXVj2dKxSK_dvcukivDAADPI8-8xglo/view?usp=sharing)

- Bee Presentation at the FDL Public Library on Feb 12 at 6pm, setup at 5:30
  - Patti, Gerard, Jack R, Leanne, Maggie, and Paul volunteered

### New Business

- Laurie is stepping down as Events Coordinator. Leanne was asked and accepted taking it over.
- May 4th Earth Day Event at Ripon College
  - Would like someone to come and represent the bees.
- Any Krueger is downsizing and has equipment to sell.
  - Contact her at [ericandandy@gmail.com](mailto:ericandandy@gmail.com) or 920-379-9840

### Tim Wilbanks Presentation

- Tim owns Heritage Honeybee in Sullivan, WI and is a 5th Generation Beekeeper.
- Most bees produced in the USA went to Canada
  - 1986-87 Tracheal and Varroa Mite regulations prevented sales to Canada
    - Many producers went out of business.
  - 1950s-80s it was common practice to kill bees in the fall so higher demand in spring
  - Now people are trying to sustain bees so less demand in spring
- Producers that made it through the 80s are at the forefront and now passing the business to the next generation or being sold.
  - New people and new era will mean changes to come in the near future
- He talked about making packages and showed lots of pictures
  - Queen rearing is mid-May to mid-July, this is honey flow in midwest-so not many do it

- Commercial Producers need healthy bees, ideal weather, and good location
- Weather is the most critical factor in quality queens, fly high and mate with many drones
- Packages need ample air flow and to be kept cool in transit
- Transported colonies don't thermoregulate and it affects the brood.

### \$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](http://www.facebook.com/ecwbeekeepers)

@ecwbeekeepers

### Club Website

[ecwba.weebly.com](http://ecwba.weebly.com)

### Club Blog

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

Next Meeting Feb 16th, Green Lake Caestecker Library 9:30am

**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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