

## ECWBA Meeting Minutes

Jan 20, 2017

*Location:* Green Lake Caestecker Library,

Meeting called to order by Gerard Schubert at 9:38

Attendance: 25

Visiting: Rich - Capitol Bee supply

New Members: David Weber - Cambria, Terry Kolb - New Holstein, Joe Walsh - Watertown,  
Deidre Sauer- Berlin Dandelion Farm, Sue McConnell past member - Ripon

Introduction of attendees- where are you from, if you have hives

### Secretary Report

Motion made and seconded to accept the Dec meeting minutes that were attached to the newsletter

### Treasurer Report

Treasure absent

### Voting

President - Gerard nominated and seconded, he accepted, no opposition - passed unanimously

Secretary - Patti nominated and seconded, she accepted, no opposition - passed unanimously

### Beekeeping Classes Survey

- Report
  - 19 responses
  - 90% feel we should offer beekeeping classes
  - 32% interested in attending beginning beekeeping
    - 53% for February
    - 32% for January
    - 74% for members to teach
  - 63% interested in attending intermediate beekeeping
    - 68% for February
    - 47% for members to teach
    - 42% for presenter to come
  - 68% interested in attending bee product making
    - 42% for October
    - 26% for February
    - 84% for members to teach
  - 58% are willing to volunteer
- Announced the classes offered in Fond Du Lac and Columbus
  - D's Bees in Fond du lac - Fond du lac Skyport
    - Beginners - Feb 3 from 9-3pm. Field day Jul 7 10:30-12. Cost \$70
    - [www.dsbees.com](http://www.dsbees.com)
  - Capitol Bee Supply in Columbus - Town of Calamus Town Hall, Beaver Dam
    - Beginners - 4 day class Mar 4, Apr 8, Jun 3, Aug 5 from 10-3:30. Cost is \$100.
    - 2nd year beekeeper - Feb 18 from 9-4pm. Cost is \$60.
    - <https://capitalbeesupply.com/latest-news/2018-beekeeping-classes/>
- Discussion tabled to later meetings for proceeding to the next steps

### Club Bank Account

Discussion to remove Jeff Champeau, past president, from Marine Credit Union bank account and add Patt Ingram, secretary.

Motion made by Gerard, seconded by Mike, passed unanimously.

### Committee Reports

- 501c3 Report
  - Leanne not present
  - Tabled till February

### Old Business

- Extractor
  - Installed Jan 12 at Rushford Meadery and Winery by Al and Fred
  - Shane said some items will need to be cleaned up more to pass inspection.
  - Gerard said he will have them replaced or sand blasted.
  - Agreement made with Shane to purchase cleaning chemicals through him.
  - Extracting trial run day will be offered for the club and Shane will demonstrate proper use.
  - Possible club educational presentation at Rushford Meadery and Winery this summer.
- Damon Reabe Presentation on Aerial Application - Mar 17 Meeting
- Feb 19, 6pm, Markesan Library Demo, Lucy Hazlewood
- Club hive purchase to have club honey to sell
  - Discussion to purchase 2 packages of bees
  - Gerard said Shane offered to have hives at Rushford Meadery and Winery
  - Gerard volunteered to take care of club hives at Rushford Meadery and Winery
  - Motion by Mark to purchase 2 packages of bees, withdrawn after concerns from Laurie
  - Tabled to February for further discussion on possible costs and maintenance involved

### New Business

- Extractor
  - Discuss if there will be open use or set days for club members
  - Discuss if \$10 fee / \$20 in product is per person that uses extractor or split by all who use it on a set day
  - Discuss what amount of money should be set aside for annual maintenance
  - Jeff Keller donated a blower
- Montey Belmer to give demonstration on microscopy at Feb 17 meeting
- Apparel
  - More hats will be ordered
  - Contact Laurie for personal clothing orders: 920-948-4259 or [mikekoeck@gmail.com](mailto:mikekoeck@gmail.com)
  - Possibility of polos for demonstrating, tabled to Feb 17 meeting
- Membership Dues
  - \$10 dues can be mailed to Patti Ingram, 724 Congress St., Ripon, WI 54971

Next Meeting Feb 17th, Green Lake Caestecker Library 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned 10:33

Patti brought homemade granola

## State Inspector Demonstration

- Mites
  - Emphasize treating for mites in order to keep bees without them dying over winter
  - Recommend to treat with Apavar in Spring or the day you get bees
  - June - peek for Bee brood but Aug 20 - peek season for mites so June / July treat with Formic Acid (will penetrate cappings)
  - Apaguard after you take honey off Aug / Sept
  - Early Spring / Late Fall Oxalic Acid when there is no brood (kills mites running around)
  - Approx: \$7 a treatment at 4 treatments a year per hive (\$28 vs \$140 package of bees)
- Honey Bee Health Coalition - info on how to keep bees <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/>
- Bee Diseases
  - American Foulbrood
    - Bacteria
    - Will spread so must kill bees and burn hive
    - Musty smell and gooey cells
    - Spores will last 4-5 years
    - Can send 2" comb sample to USDA wrapped in newspaper to check for foulbrood
    - Antibiotic treatment 6 weeks before honey supers are put on
  - European Foulbrood
    - Bacteria
    - Brought on by stress from the nurse bees
    - Treat bees and bees will clean up hive
  - Chalkbrood
    - Fungus
    - Scrape frames away from hive to prevent spore reinfestation
    - Burn scrapings
    - Requeen
  - Nosema
    - Scrape old frames away from hive
    - Feed fumagillin
  - Hive Beetle
    - Light encourages egg laying
    - Lay in cracks
    - Beetle traps or cloth for prevention
    - Extract within 3 days of removing honey frames, if beetles run across frames they can ruin the honey crop with their urine
  - Wax Moth
    - Scrape off frames
  - Animal pests - skunks, raccoon, bear
  - Open Discussion