



# Brown County Beekeepers Association

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## February 2019 meeting minutes

**Brown County Bee Keepers Association, February meeting minutes: Wednesday February 20, 2019. Green Bay Botanical Garden's Donald Schneider Education Center.**

**Attendance:** Dave Elsen, Julianne Sanders, Tom Cashman, Tom, Eisenreich, Carl Fisher, Dave Doering,, John Battiola, Jan Battiola, Marian Puckett, Daniel Parsley, Kate Schuette, Bob Rukamp, Todd Wittuhn, Bob Rukamp, Brad Skenandore.

We were happy to see those who could brave the weather!

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**We now have nametags for each member. Please pick yours up at the door before the meeting.**

### **Recognition**

**Steve Hupfer presented a beekeeping merit award for the person who has contributed a tremendous effort to the club. The award goes to Carl Fisher!**



**Dave Elsen presented an award in recognition for Steve Hupfer for all his contribution as a vice president for 3 years and as the president for an additional 3 years. Thank Steve for all your work and dedication!**



### **Club Business:**

- \*Motion made and carried to approve February meeting minutes
- \*Motion made and carried to approve club bills
- \* There is a Butterfly exhibit at the Botanical Garden  
A motion made and carried to approve a donation of \$100.00 to the Butterfly Garden at the Green Bay Botanical Garden.
- \*Audit committee gave 2018 financials a clean bill of health

### **Club Activities:**

Einstein Expo was Saturday February 2, 2019  
Intro to Beekeeping—Saturday February 23, 2019

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR BOTH EINSTIEN AND THE INTRO TO BEE KEEPING CLASS!**

*Fun Fact: Each type and species of honeybee performs its waggle dance in a slightly different way.*

### **February Meeting Education**

This month's meeting featured speaker (Orren Fredrick) was not able to attend because of the winter storm.

Dave led an open discussion on winter feeding. What are the bees doing?

Different ways to add sugar- Feed when honey reserves run low: (insurance feeding)

Carl Fisher and Dave Elsen shared how they made a candy board with hardware cloth, Steve Hupfer and Kate Schuette shared techniques of using a 4 pound bag of sugar.

### **Club Member Education**

The Club strongly encourages members to seek education to further their bee knowledge. In Feb. we discussed allocating club funds to defray external education expenses. Following is a high level review of the discussion:

- The education must align with the club's mission
- An Education Committee will approve requests
- Must be an active member of 12 months or greater
- \$25.00 Per year per member
- Recipients are expected to update the Club after the event

Please give this concept some thought and we will discuss further in March.

### **POTENTIAL CLUB OPPORTUNITIES**

Several Club opportunities were discussed:

- **Garden Fair at the Green Bay Botanical Garden**
- **Fall Family Festival at the Green Bay Botanical Garden**
- **Applefest**

**The Board put together an event information sheet for the club to better evaluate opportunities. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.**



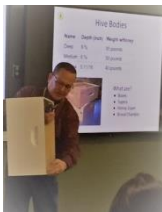
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## March 2019 NEWS LETTER

### INTRODUCTION TO BEE KEEPING HIGHLIGHTS

28 potential new beekeepers joined our Introduction to Beekeeping class held at NWTC in Green Bay. It was a day full of hands on learning, lectures, demonstrations and activities.



There was great one on one interaction with a very engaged class....



Donations from Jimmy Johns in Appleton provided the lunch for the Intro to Beekeeping class.  
Hansen Honey donated a starter hive to the class



## THANK YOU!!!

### Next Monthly Meeting

March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens

- Social and Networking starting at 5:30
- Meeting begins at 6:30

#### Key Agenda Items

- Volunteer Recognition
- Review Education Reimbursement and Club Activities Requests
- Club Activities and Events
- **Education:** *Pollinator Plantings, Ronald Melchert Landscape Architect*
- What's happening in the Hive and Q&A



The year is off to a great start with our Jan and Feb education. Following is the planned education for the remainder of the year.

### In Meeting Education Calendar

**March-** Pollinator Plantings, Ronald Melchert Landscape Architect

**April** – Splitting Hives, Kate Schuette

**May** – Effects of Glucose on Honey, Kaelyn Sumner

**June-** Mite Management

**July-** Picnic

**August-** State Hive Inspector, Ziehli, Daniel N - DATCP

**September-** Winterization

**October-** Honey Sales

**November-** Self-study- share your best ways to research or improve your techniques. Group work – break out session. Please reach out to Dave with ideas or preferences.

If anyone is interested in leading a class or helping to explore any of the topics further, please let us know via the contact info below: [president@browncountybeekeepers.com](mailto:president@browncountybeekeepers.com)

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?**

- Monitor Food Stores and feed if needed
- Ensure entrances are open for proper ventilation
- Start to get ready for your bees which should arrive in April

### **WHAT TO PREPARE FOR IN APRIL**

- Inspect and remove dead-outs - determine cause
- Remove entrance reducers on healthy strong hives
- Be prepared to feed syrup (1:1) and pollen substitutes
- Be ready to receive packages – know what is required for success



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