



Brown County Beekeepers Association

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November 2019 NEWSLETTER

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Please send your renewal to:
Brown County Beekeepers
Association:
PO Box 10371
Green Bay WI 54307-0371



Or you can give your payment directly to
Tom Cashman, BCBA Treasurer, during meetings.

Schneider donates to BCBA

The Schneider Foundation has generously donated \$500.00 to the BCBA to further the club's mission to providing pollinator education opportunities. We will use the dollars to purchase bee suits. How exciting for the BCBA to have the tools needed to bring Honeybee education to kids!



INTRODUCTION TO BEE KEEPING CLASS:

SCHEDULED: January 18, 2020 – A great way for members to further their education and PLEASE help us SPREAD THE WORD to others interested in beekeeping ... its A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT! Give the gift of BEES – or perhaps the gift of LEARNING about bees. Please share this link with family and friends <https://browncountybeekeepers.com/2018/11/beekeeping-class-jan-2020/>

ITS TIME TO THINK ABOUT ORDERING YOUR BEES

BCBA WI Honeybee supplier list is being updated for 2020 offerings. The updated list will be located on our website. If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of our officers. Remember, when purchasing bees – ask questions and get answers. A couple of important questions to ask are 1) type of queen in nuc or package 2) when bees were treated and with what 3) where were they over wintered? If the supplier can't/won't answer these questions you might want to check the list for those who are open to sharing this information.

Please note the enclosed SURVEY

As we start the 2020 BCBA year -your feedback is important to us. How did we do in 2019? Are there any improvements you can suggest? Any suggested SPEAKERS you'd like BCBA to bring in to help education. Any TOPICS that were not covered in 2019 that you'd like covered in 2020?

We'd like to hear from YOU! Feedback can be anonymous or feel free to add your name. all good!



Please note the enclosed BCBA ITEMS FOR PURCHASE list and rank your top 5.

We are able to purchase items to help you on your beekeeping journey. Please review the enclosed list and weigh in on those items you feel will enhance the club and/or help you be a more successful beekeeper. Please rank 1 – 5 (1 being your top priority). Please bring your results to the club meeting or send to Dave Elsen, president@browncountybeekeepers.com if you are not able to attend.

KAELYN SUMNER! wins youth beekeeper of the year AWARD at WHPA –Congratulations Kaelyn ! we are very proud of you!



WHPA Fall meeting took place in Fond Du Lac WI Friday November 1st-Sunday November 3rd. There were several excellent speakers. WHPA is a good resource that supports Wisconsin hobbyists as well as sideliners and producers – They offer a place to learn and gather different viewpoints while meeting other beekeepers. You can find more information at www.wihoney.org

AMERICAN BEE FEDERATION (ABF) ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

is being held in Schaumburg IL January 8th – January 11th 2020. This is a great opportunity to see high profile noted speakers and walk the trade show floor. Previous conferences have been in South Carolina, Nevada, Florida. For more information see www.abfnet.org

November 20, MEETING AGENDA

(location: Green Bay Botanic Garden)

5:30 Meeting before the Meeting:

NETWORKING – let's talk BEES



6:30 OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA:

TOPIC: PRODUCTS OF THE HIVE

Augie Linskens – Linsken Honey
Kaelyn Sumner

REMINDER: No Meeting in December

What's Happening in the hive in November

The bees begin to cluster for winter, however; they may not go into a full winter cluster. They may break cluster frequently on warm days and re-cluster at night. Wet+cold=death, be sure moisture is managed and tilt hives slightly forward. Be sure all treatments and queen excluders are removed. Protect hives from strong winds by adding heavy blocks on top and add additional food if you are concerned winter stores are low

What to prepare for in December

The bees are clustered in the hive staying warm. They will only leave the hive to take cleansing flights on warm, sunny days. Be sure to check hives after storms for any damage and keep snow away from entrances. Prepare to order bees as needed for the spring. Review your lessons from the year begin to plan for spring 2020. Attend conferences, read magazines and books to keep up your learning.



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October 2019 meeting minutes

Brown County Beekeepers Association, October meeting minutes: Wednesday October 16, 2019. Green Bay Botanical Garden.

Attendance: Dave Elsen, Julie Mazzoleni, Carl Fisher, Tom Cashman, Julianne Sanders, Tom Eisenreich, Steve Hupfer, Matt Jeanquart, Madelyn Jeanquart, Sara Kowalski, Dan Lauth, Roy Lindeman, Molly Martzke, Sarah Mueller, Wayne Richardson, Jordan Steinhorst, Richard Sturm, Todd Witthuhn,

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

Welcome and Announcements

We welcomed new members and visitors.
Peter Fischer

Club Business:

ELECTIONS:

We met the quorum with 17 members

Nominees:

President: Dave Elsen,
Vice President: Julie Mazzoleni
Secretary: Sarah Mueller
Treasurer: Tom Cashman

All listed above accepted the nominations and all were voted in with unanimous votes.

- *Motion made and carried to approve September Meeting Minutes
- *Motion made and carried to approve club financials.
- *The members voted to pass on a Christmas Party.

New Business:

*Club brochure- We have them available to hand out anytime to promote our club. It is good to have them available to hand out when we go to collect swarms.

*We received donations to help our club promote beekeeping and pollinators!

* Assets to purchase: Please get some ideas to present to the club because we have opportunities to spend approximately \$1000.

Club Activities

*There is information on our website about catching swarms. Georgia Pacific reached out to us to catch a swarm on their loading dock. Steve Hupfer went to Georgia Pacific to catch a swarm. Steve shared his experience with the members about his chance to educate the person assigned to watch over the operation. This was a perfect opportunity to promote beekeeping and pollinators. In the end, Georgia Pacific wrote up an article about the event.

*Dave Elsen and Julie Mazzoleni told us about their latest experience with our education program. This is becoming a successful program that is so valuable to our club. We have all the materials needed for anyone in the group to teach about bees!

*We have a new collection of children and young adult books for young members that are available to sign out.

*Carl shared the invitation from Fleet Farm to shop at the friends and family shopping event for 15% off anything in the store.

* We still need volunteers to help with the Intro to Beekeeping Class. It will take place on January 18, 2020. Please look for this event on Facebook and share that you are interested in going!

*Flyers will be available at the next meeting to place in public locations to promote our club.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Education program

Introduction to Beekeeping Class 1-18-20.

HOW DO WE EDUCATE OURSELVES ABOUT BEES?

Our Meeting consisted of an interactive discussion to share the best ways we learn about beekeeping and how to be successful as beekeepers. PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED additional attachment included with emailed newsletter. This information will also be on our website www.browncountybeekeepers.com

Looking Ahead: CLUB MEETING EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

November	Networking/Club survey	Honey Sales Marketing
December	No Official Meeting	
January	Goals for the club	First year beekeepers
February	Hive monitoring	Brood Minder Rep

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11