

## Brown County Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:30p

**Location:** Meeting was conducted in-person at West Banks Interpretive Center at Barkhausen Waterfowl Reserve and streamed via Zoom.

**Attendance:** Please see the sign-in sheet for a list of attendees. 35 in-person attendees indicated on sign-in sheet with a head count of 37 attendees. This is in addition to those recorded on the sign-in sheet attending via zoom. All numbers include the 7 of 8 leaders that were present.

**Meeting before the Meeting:** Donna Stine, WI State Apiary Inspector presented on how to inspect a hive, how to conduct a mite check as well as European and American Foul Brood. Thanks to Bob Michiels for allowing Donna to inspect his hive.

Topic	Presenter	Description	Action Required (must specify who, what & when)
Welcome	Chris Groth	Meeting began at 6:30 pm on May 17, 2023 with Chris Groth facilitating.	None
Education -First Year Beekeeping	Andrea Michaud	Andrea Michaud presented on her experiences and advice from her first year as beekeeping. The presentation ranged from installing a nuc to her top 10 lessons learned. Great information and excellent presentation. Andrea also conducted a questions and answer segment.	None
Education -Randy Oliver	Dave Elsen	On Tuesday, May 16th at 7p, Dr. Randy Oliver conducted a virtual meeting on how to handle bees. Dave recapped key items from Randy's presentation	None
Education -Beekeepers helping beekeepers	Chris Groth	Chris conducted a question and answer session regarding pesticides and feeding.	None
Club Activities -Honey Themed Gathering	Carl Fisher	Carl gave a summary of the BCBA event on July 11 at 6p. It is a honey themed dinner/networking event at Gather on Broadway. Honey tasting has been added.	None
Club Activities -Electronic Photos	Carl Fisher	Carl is soliciting electronic photos to be used on social media and club promotions. Email to <a href="mailto:info@browncountybeekeepers.com">info@browncountybeekeepers.com</a> . Posted photos will have the owner credited.	None
Financial Report	Tom Cashman	Tom Cashman gave the club financial report for the previous month 04/14/2023 to 5/13/2023. No questions or issues were raised regarding the financial report.	None
Club Activities -Public Education	Dave Elsen	Dave presented opportunities for volunteers to teach both children and adults about bees and beekeeping.	None
Club Activities -No Mow May & Go Green at Tiletown	Dave Elsen	Dave showed pictures from BCBA's segments on Fox 11 News coverage of No Mow May and Wayne, Sarah, Dave and Carl presenting on TV. He also showed pictures of BCBA's booth at the Packer's Go Green event.	None
Club Activities -Broodminder	Dave Elsen	Dave discussed the opportunity for technology in hives through the company Broodminder. This technology allows for digital, online tracking of hive	None

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		weight, temperature, humidity, and hive entrance counter. Broodminder is willing to give a club discount.	
Motion -Broodminder	Motion	Carl Fisher motioned for the club to allocate \$100 per member, up to \$1,500 total with the stipulation the member shares their Broodminder information with the club. Bob Michiels seconded. All votes were affirmative. Motion passed.	None
Education -Calendar	Dave Elsen	Dave showed the 2023 education calendar	None
Education/Q&A -Formic Pro/Mites -Laying workers -Hive venting -Woodenware	Dave Elsen	-Club members discussed mite management, Formic Pro, and the different label application methods. -Dave discussed in length why laying workers happen, how to identify a hive that has a laying worker, and the #1 way to fix the issue. The #1 way was shared by Dick Sturm who told of using newspaper between the existing hive and a nuc/queen right hive to acclimate/join the hives. Another way is to introduce a new egg brood frame to allow the hive to create supersedure cells and potentially raise a new queen. -Hive venting - the club discussed venting a hive, bearding, and top hive entrances. -Woodenware sourcing: a question was posted regarding local vs online sourcing. The major take away was to make sure your woodenware is proper dimensions. Also, you get what you pay for.	None
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned 5/17/2023 at 8p.	None
Next Meeting		Next meeting is Wednesday, June 21, 2023	None
		Respectfully submitted via N. Frailey, Secretary & Recorder.	

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37 HEADCOUNT  
1 VIA ZOOM

## BROWN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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<u>Club Leadership (Initial if Present)</u>	<u>PRINTED NAME</u>
1 President - Dave Elsen DE	22 BOB MICHELS
2 VP - Chris Groth CIG	23 Ela Lodzinski
3 Treasurer - Tom Cashman T.C.	24 Mike Laves
4 Secretary - Nathan Frailey NF	25 Pat Laves
5 Web Chair - Carl Fisher CF	26 Becky Johnson
6 Ed Chair - Julie Mazzoleni —	27 Brady Johnson
7 Soc Media - Wayne Steigelman WS	28 John Wurzer
8 At Large - Dick Sturm DS #17	29 Derek Townsend
	30 Ruble Jones
9 <u>PRINTED NAME</u> Jessica Collier	31 Terry Hemes
10 Jeremy Hellow	32 <del>Paul Hellow</del>
11 Kathleen Caylor	33 Andrea Michaud
12 JODD W. HUTTON	34 Jessica LaVallie
13 Donn Stine	35 CHRIS REITMEYER
14 Marsha Walls	36 Edmund Poillon
15 Thomas Walls	37 Judy Poillon
16 JAMES ARLEY	38
17 Dick Sturm	39 ZOOM - JEFF SHANA
18 JESSE KALLIOINEN	40
19 Tracey Framke	41
20 Peggy L. Dorn	42
21 Jim Sharp	43