

# Brown County Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6:30p

**Location:** Meeting was conducted in-person at Barkhausen and streamed via Zoom.

3 participants via Zoom

25 participants signed in. (See attached)

Chris started off informing the club on his queen grafting experience

Picnic 7/16 @ 530p at botanical gardens. Dick Sturm is leading it and looking for a volunteer to bring water and soda. Cost is reimbursed. But just needs to be purchased and brought in coolers.

New member Peter is looking for a mentor to teach him once or twice at a hive.

Chad gave a financial report as well as a YTD budget update.

Bob M presented information on community outreach that the club has conducted as well as upcoming events. Volunteers are set but always have room for more for those who are interested.

Chris W substituted in for Augie's Minutes. He discuss swarm activity so far, which has been minimal to date. However, we are headed into a nectar flow with high temps which is perfect environment for swarms. Chris G also discussed making a split with the existing queen and reasons why. He also discussed the basis physiology of a swarm. Other club members chimed in discussing queens, splits, and swarms. Good conversation.

Dave E presented the November Honey Contest, classes and divisions. Honey submitted is kept by the club for club activities, education and community outreach. Rules will be given closer to the contest date. Contact Dave with questions.

Mimi discussed the upcoming club educational calendar.

At the Hive: Dave E is hosting an At The Hive at the Botanical Gardens on 6/25 at 430p. Wayne discussed his experience of the last At The Hive he hosted at his bees. He discussed technology in his hive. The club is seeking out volunteers to host At The Hive. Anyone interested should contact Chris G or Dave E.

Justine Nguyen was our guest speaker and gave an excellent presentation regarding the Marquette Bee Lab, antibiotics in the hive. She is a 5th Year PhD candidate at Marquette. Justine started out discussing honeybee social cues and agricultural use of antibiotics, specifically beekeeping. She had information on reasons for use and negative effects on bees. She dove deep into her PhD research on this topic. Her findings show that prophylactic use of antibiotics in hives actually have a positive effect over non-antibiotic treated hives in multiple measurements. Excellent Q&A followed.

Jeff brought some info regarding Fox Valley Bee Club raffle.

Wayne conducted the blue ticket drawing. Prize was donated by Two Chicks - Sara. Winner was Melissa. He then conducted the white ticket drawing. Prizes included a solar watering bucket and 2 pollen feeders, donated by This Old Hive - Rance. Winners were Ford son, Dave E, & Steve.

Adjourned 811p

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6/18/25 BCBA @ BARKHAUSEN  
Sign In

- Wayne Steigelman
- 2 Dave Eisen  
Mary Mueller
- 4 Lucas Ford  
Liam Ford
- 6 Melissa Maurer-Ford  
STEVE RARCAN
- 8 Eto Dzwonkowski  
Chad Ford
- 10 NATHAN FRASLEY  
Marian Frasley
- 12 CARL FISTER  
Randy Bennett
- 14 Mimi Gerner  
David Lee Schneider
- 16 Bob Michiels  
Ela Lodzinski
- 18 Mike Laes  
Pat Laes
- 20 Kerth REINHARD  
Andrea Michaud
- 22 Case Sturm  
Dek Sturm
- 24 Tracey Franke
- 25 Jesse Kallioinen