



# BROWN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS

## GREEN BAY

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**Brown County Bee Keepers Association, January meeting minutes: Wednesday January 16, 2019. Green Bay Botanical Garden's Donald Schneider Education Center.**

**A GREAT START TO 2019 !! 51 people attended. New members, current members and long missed BCBA members !**

**Attendance:** Dave Elsen, Julie Mazzoleni, Julianne Sanders, Tom Cashman, Diana Sarantowski, Joan Eick, Sandy Gill, Cheryl Aderman, Tom, Eisenreich, Lil Kewley, Cindy Kewley, Gary Pusick, Gordon Lederhaus, Josh, Jahnke, Ronald Melchert, Orren Fredrick, Carl Fisher, Dave Doering, Mindy Roever, Kristin Ashaure, Mary Sickel, John Battiola, Jan Battiola, Marian Puckett, Mike Warden, Vicki Warden, Daniel Parsley, Vicky Parsley, Detlef Weiler, Thomas Allen, Kate Schuette, Greg Schuette, James Arvey, Roy Lindeman, Jim Suchon, Ethan Hogan, Matt Jadin, Erica Heimerl, John Heimerl, Traci Sumner, Kaelyn Sumner, Jo Hiphe, Roy Liebergen, Dan Diers, Lisa Miotke, Dan Lauth, Carol Sturm, Dick Sturm, Dillon Veirt, Alice Blood, David Blood

Dave Elsen President of BCBA, called the meeting to order at 6:30. Dave introduced and welcomed the new 2019 officers:

- Dave Elsen—President
- Julie Mazzoleni—Vice President
- Tom Cahsman—Treasurer
- Julianne Sanders—Secretary

### **Club Business:**

- Motion made and carried to approve December minutes
- Motion made and carried to approve club bills
- A financial Audit committee was established to review club financials for 2018 season per By-laws. Carl Fisher, David Blood and Marian Puckett have volunteered. **Thank you !!**

**REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR 2019 CLUB DUES:**

Visit: [www.browncountybeekeepers.com](http://www.browncountybeekeepers.com)

**Club Activities:** Dave mentioned club projects and activities that we have the opportunity to support.

- Einstein Expo—Saturday February 2, 2019
  - Intro to Beekeeping—Saturday February 23, 2019
- SEE WEBSITE (above) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR BOTH EINSTIEN AND INTRO TO BEE KEEPING CLASS!**

A motion was made and carried to adopt BCBA MISSION STATEMENT: This mission will guide our focus, objectives, program ideas and goals !

### **BCBA NEW mission statement:**

**We are dedicated to promoting sustainable, responsible and healthy beekeeping practices in Northeastern Wisconsin for both experienced and first-time beekeepers. We strive to create a fun environment where learning opportunities exist for association members and the general public.**

**Carl Fisher** shared information about the upcoming Intro to Beekeeping course hosted by BCBA. Information on the course was passed around for everyone to have and share with friends, neighbors or anyone who might be interested in joining. If you are a Facebook user, PLEASE go the page and mark "INTERESTED". This will allow your friends to see the upcoming event.

**EDUCATION IDEAS** Dave passed around a spreadsheet listing 34 different ideas for monthly club education. These ideas target both advanced and new beekeepers. There was good discussion and some excitement around this list and several rose to the surface. This includes but is not limited to: Bee phenology for the Midwest, how to clean wax/products of the hive, Mites and overwintering, splits, club member "self-study" and what that means, Food/wine/honey pairing—several member offered ideas on venue. 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)

**Featured speaker:** Ethan Hogan—Badger State Beekeeping.



Ethan gave an overview of how bee providers create packages and how they get to us. **Thank you**, Ethan, great job! There was a lot of good comments and conversation following this presentation

**Julie Mazzoleni** shared a spreadsheet listing WI supplier for honeybees. This spreadsheet is informational only and not an endorsement of any specific provider by BCBA. Information may have changed since this was published so please be sure to contact suppliers to verify any/all information. Julie mentioned that it is appropriate to ask important questions like—where do the bees winter, do you treat before pick-up and if so with what? Its also important to understand what kind of bees your getting and if they ship or if you need to go pick them up. This spreadsheet will be posted on our webpage.



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### Brown County Beekeepers Association February Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019

**Where:** Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road, Green Bay 54303

#### 5:30 Pre-meeting Social

- Join us for coffee, snacks and good BEE conversation.
- HIVE Autopsy - we will autopsy a hive that died in January. This hive has not yet been opened so who knows what we might find!

#### 6:30 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome / Announcements - Dave
- New Member and Guest Introduction
- Recognition

#### Club Business – Dave

- Discuss & Approve Minutes
- Discuss & Approve Bills
- Appoint Audit Committee Update
- Club Member Dues for 2019

#### Review Club Activities

- Einstein Project - John
- Intro to Beekeeping Class - Carl
- Review Club Education Calendar - Dave

#### Other Club Opportunities - Dave

- Club Funding Request Process
- Volunteer Approach and recognition
- Potential Projects
- Area Education

Meeting Education - Feeding Your Bees -Orren Fredrick

#### Question and Answer Period - Dave

- What's Happening in the Hive?

A GREAT START TO 2019 – A FULL HOUSE ! Thank you everyone for joining!!



A big **THANK YOU** to Carol Sturm for the amazing cookies she made for our 5:30 social. So GOOD



It was a fun day at the Einstein Expo in February!



*Thank you for volunteering!! It really MATTERS!!*

IMPORTANT NOTE: **FOR SALE** items, INCLUDING BEES, can now be found on our webpage:  
[www.browncountybeekeepers.com](http://www.browncountybeekeepers.com)