



Brown County Beekeepers Green Bay WI

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A message from our 2019 President Dave Elsen:

Brown County Beekeepers Association members:

After the October election I started to put together a list of goals to bring forward to the club. One of the first goals I would like to make progress on is a formal mission statement. This excerpt from Bee Culture Magazine, Feb 22, 2016 outlines the value of a mission statement to a nonprofit club like ours.

“The focus of a nonprofit is the mission. Personal agendas will destroy a nonprofit faster than a Varroa mite crawling out of cell in a hive. The mission statement guides the objectives, program ideas and goals, and the strategic plan of every nonprofit. The mission statement is the “elevator speech” for nonprofits. The mission of the nonprofit is why individuals become Board members, volunteers, staff, and donors. The mission is the guiding principle of a nonprofit. Board members, volunteers, and staff must direct their work and efforts at promoting the mission, fulfilling the mission, and protecting the mission.”

I gathered a committee of club members together to review ideas to develop an updated BCBA Mission. We reviewed the current mission, along with mission statements from several other bee clubs to develop a mission that we believe represents BCBA. Below is the result of that work which the new board would like to present to you.

We are dedicated to promoting sustainable, responsible and healthy beekeeping practices in North-eastern 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.

Please take a moment to review the statement and feel free to provide feedback. We will review at the January meeting. Send me comments to President@BrownCountyBeekeepers.com.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation, and that of the Brown County Beekeepers, to Steve Hupfer for his 3 years of leadership as the Club's President. Steve often says that beekeepers must prepare this year to achieve their goals next year. I believe Steve laid the groundwork and a solid foundation for BCBA to have a bright and successful future. As the newly elected President, I plan to build upon this foundation and continue providing the club opportunities to expand our knowledge about bees and to share our passion and expertise about honey bees with Northeast Wisconsin.

Along these lines below are opportunities for our members to volunteer at, take part in or to pass along to other interested beekeepers.

- **Introduction to Beekeeping Class, Feb. 23rd NWTC** - We have a full day planned to provide the basics for new beekeepers. <https://browncountybeekeepers.com/category/bee-class/>. We need folks to help set-up, take down, assist with refreshments, and to teach 45 minute sessions.
- **Einstein Project, Feb. 2nd Shopko Hall** - A full day of talking bees and sharing information to 3,000 – 5,000 children and adults in attendance. We are looking for up to 4 volunteers to work in 2 hour blocks starting at 8:30-10:30 AM and ending with 2:30-4:30. It's a fun and rewarding day.
- **January 16th meeting, Botanic Garden**, we will have a Social and Networking opportunity starting at 5:30 with refreshments. The official meeting will start at 6:30.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact me as noted below.

Being a beekeeper is rewarding, exciting and, at times, humbling. I am very interested in understanding what you would like out of your club to help you achieve your goals. Feel free to reach me via email me at President@BrownCountyBeekeepers.com OR send a text message 920-370-5281 or call.

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Brown County Beekeepers Association—January Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Where: Green Bay Botanical Garden, 1600 Larsen Road, Green Bay 54303

Time: 5:30 Social, 6:30 Meeting

Meeting Agenda

5:30 Social and Networking Before the Meeting with refreshments

6:30 Welcome / Announcements (10 minutes) - Dave

- ◇ New Member and Guest Introductions
- ◇ Introduce new officers
- ◇ Recognition

• Club Business (10 minutes) - Dave

- ◇ Discuss & Approve Minutes
- ◇ Discuss & Approve Bills
- ◇ Financials review as noted in bylaws (Appoint Audit Committee)
- ◇ Club Member Dues for 2019

• Review Club Activities (20 minutes)

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

• Discuss Club Mission Statement (10 minutes) - Dave

• Other Club Opportunities (5 minutes) - Dave

• Meeting Education - Packages, Nucs and Buying Bees (30 minutes)

- ◇ An overview of how bee providers create packages and how they get to us
- ◇ A review of sources of bees and questions to ask
- ◇ Several providers will talk about their bees

• Question and Answer Period (5 minutes) - Dave