



# Brown County Beekeepers Green Bay WI

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## **Brown County Bee Keepers Association, October meeting minutes :**

BCBA meeting was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in the Cornerstone East Room of the Green Bay Botanical Garden's Visitors Center

There were 20 members and 2 guests present.

**Attendance:** Lynne Lindgren, Julianne Sanders, Traci Sumner, Kaelyn Sumner, Dick & Carol Sturm, Dave Elsen, Monika Pynaker, Sara Kowalski, Ronald Melchert, Marian Puckett, Todd Witthuhn, Tom Eisenreich, James Arvey, Roy Lindeman, Daniel & Vickey Parsley, Thomas Cashman, Julie Mazzoleni & Steve Hupfer. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Steve Hupfer.

## **BCBA 2019 CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Julianne Sanders, nomination committee, presented a list of those being nominated. Sara Kowalski and Monika Pynaker were added to the nomination committee to help count votes (thank you !)

**President,** nominee—Dave Elsen. Voice vote—elected president

**Vice president,** nominees—Julie Mazzoleni and Steve Hupfer. Ballot vote: Julie Mazzoleni re-elected as VP

**Treasurer,** nominee—Thomas Cashman. voice vote—elected as treasurer

**Secretary,** nominee—Julianne Sanders, voice vote—elected as secretary.

**THANK YOU** to all who participated. We look forward to a GREAT 2019 full of good conversation, great learning for both new and seasoned bee keepers and simply bee fun. Please be sure to thank our outgoing officers, Steve Hupfer (3 years as president) and Lynne Lindgren 2018 treasurer... WELL DONE.

**\*note:** we will be looking for someone to take the "editor" position for the 2019 news letter. Please consider volunteering.

### **Business:**

September meeting minutes approved:

Lynne Lindgren will be heading a group to do research on various mite treatments in order to develop a "treatment calendar" that will be helpful to the club.

Neville Public Museum Bee Exhibit was mentioned on channel 11. There were 211 people on opening night.

## **NOVEMBER MEETING LOCATION CHANGE:**

November 21, 2018 - 6:30

NWTC -Great Lakes Energy Education Center. Room 201—go into door marked E2

Map: <https://www.nwtc.edu/NWTC/media/About-Us/NWTC-Green-Bay-Map.pdf>

Along Larsen road (to the right if traveling west from Botanical Garden).

## **LOOKING FORWARD:**

- ◇ There is NO December BCBA meeting.
- ◇ There will be a "Meeting before the Meeting" in January. Topic TBA—start: 5:30. Regular meeting is 6:30
- ◇ Club dues are due in January
- ◇ Einstein—February 2nd, approved to go
- ◇ Beginning Bee keeping class—tentative scheduled for Saturday February 23rd.

**BCBA Web page committee:** Carl Fisher is 2019 web master (with a couple of folks as designated back-up). Carl continues to do a GREAT job updating our page which will continue through 2019. This committee is no longer active.



**Beginning Bee Keeping class:** We will be looking for volunteers for the Beginning Bee Keeping class scheduled for February. Details to follow

## **Discussion points for wintering:**

Bees need about 100-120 pounds of honey to get them through the winter. After supers are off, its important to feed the bees 2:1 sugar syrup to be sure they have enough stores. Bees need wind protection. Insulation is good but be careful not too much (too warm and bees will be active and use stores). Its important to have good ventilation and to guard against condensation inside the hive. Be sure to have some form of moisture control—some examples given were homasote board, quilt box, sugar boards. You can check on your bees through out the winter as long as it a quick peek from the top. You can also use stethoscopes to listen on the side of the hive.



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## Sustainable Food & Ag systems, NWTC—

Julie Mazzoleni and Dave Elsen were part of a 3 person panel at NWTC on October 18th. Valerie Dantoin was looking for experienced bee keepers to talk to her graduating class. Dillon Wiest was also part of the panel. Dillon had graduated from NWTC two years prior. Valerie fielded questions from the class about bees and bee keeping. It was a fun night, the class was enthusiastic and had great questions. For us, it was a great opportunity to meet potential new bee keepers to the area, solicit membership to BCBA and to stress the importance of continued learning and joining a club or getting a mentor for support.



## WHAT TO DO 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.

A large, healthy hive will not die from cold weather as they will stay warm by clustering in the hive. However, moisture will kill them. The heat generated from the cluster rises above the bees and forms condensation, which can drip down onto the cluster. This is what kills bees during the winter. Wet + Cold = Death

- \* Prepare your hives for winter.
- \* Tilt hives forward a little to allow water to run out.
- \* Provide protection from the wind.
- \* Provide an upper entrance for ventilation and escape in case lower entrance becomes blocked.
- \* Ensure all treatments and queen excluders have been removed.
- \* Place a quilt box or moisture board to absorb moisture above inner cover.
- \* Insulate below outer cover.
- \* If concerned about having enough winter stores, a candy board can be used also.
- \* Consider wrapping hives with tar paper or commercial wrap, ensure the entrances are not covered.
- \* Winter winds can be strong, so place a heavy concrete block on your hives or strap them down.

### FOR SALE:

Honey extractor—20 Frame, Cowen Uncapping Machine, Honey Tank, Wax Melters, Mixing tank, Pollen Traps, 4 wheel carts, 50 lbs beeswax

\$3000.00 for everything or best offer

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