

**St. Croix Valley Beekeepers Association November general meeting minutes from the meeting at Peace Lutheran Church, Baldwin, Wi., on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Officers present:** Dave Lambert, Charlene Tuck, Jerome Rodewald, Charlotte Nicholes, Claude Bovi

**7:00 pm business meeting.** Dave opened the meeting by welcoming the club members. He went on to explain that the club currently needs to fill the vice present position. Dave reminded the club of the need for members to fill the committee positions, especially both fair committees, which provide the bulk of the club's financing. Dave reminded the club about the suggestion box and encouraged club members to utilize it for monthly topics, speakers or anything of appropriate interest. Charlotte and Claude are hoping to find someone to help with the pollinator garden and eventually take over those responsibilities. Jerome provided the club with a treasurer's report as of October 31, 2019.

Dave mentioned an article about neonics in the deer herd by South Dakota State University. Melanie announced the programming committee would be meeting at "Juniors" in River Falls at 5:30 on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dave announced the passing of past SCVBA president, Harlan Vehrs, of New Richmond. Harlan had maintained as many as 600 hives and his contributions and passion for beekeeping will not be forgotten.

7:15 Dave introduced Cody Tromberg, local farm bill biologist who works in conjunction with Pheasants Forever, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the US Dept. of Agriculture. Cody explained some of the habitat improvement programs available. He spoke of Equip, of CSP-conservation stewardship program, of ACEP-agricultural conservation easement, and of CRP- conservation reserve program. Cody explained each program in considerable detail and how they might be utilized by club members. He fielded a variety of questions and provided his information and links to information, which will be posted on the mighty networks site. Cody's talk ended at 7:50.

7:50 to 8:10 refreshments and socializing

**New business:** Dan Klasen reminded the club that it is time to think about recruiting next year's 2020 Mentees.

Sarah , one of this year's mentees ,who worked with Dave Lambert, reported she still has bees, they are alive. She is on her 3<sup>rd</sup> queen, and she actually saw varroa mites on her bees.

Levi, another 2019 mentee, who worked with Mitch Wayne, reported he was learning a lot.

Dave introduced Charlene Tuck as next year's president. There is no Holiday gathering this year, and the next meeting will be in February 2020. There was question and answer portion. It's time to cover your hives.

Motion to adjourn by Anita, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda