

**St. Croix Valley Beekeepers Association – October general meeting minutes
Peace Lutheran Church, Baldwin, Wi., October 10th, 2019.**

Officers present: Dave Lambert, Charlene Tuck, Claude Bovi and Charlotte Nicholes

7:03 Business meeting: Dave welcomed the club and explained the election process. Charlene Tuck, this year's vice president, was elevated to President for 2020. The club also held a vote for president, via a show of hands, and Charlene won as she was unopposed. There were no nominations for the vice president position. The positions will remain open until a nominee is selected and voted in. Jerome Rodewald ran unopposed for treasurer, and he was voted in by a show of hands. Amanda Boyce was nominated by Dave Lambert for secretary. Misty Hoffman was nominated by Melanie Waldon for secretary. Misty wasn't present at the meeting. Amanda won the vote, via a show of hands. Misty was suggested as the membership chair.

Dave handed out a questionnaire for 2020 asking the members for ideas and recommendations for topics and/or speakers for upcoming meetings. The questionnaires were collected at the end of the meeting.

Melanie reminded the club that we are looking for members to fill the committee chair positions. Dave Lambert volunteered to chair the Youth Mentor Committee. Charlotte Nicholes and Claude Bovi agreed to continue in their positions as Pollinator/Habitat Garden co-chairs but mentioned that they are looking for someone who can help this year and perhaps take over the following year. Tom Waldon is the Social and Picnic chair. Melanie agreed to help with the Refreshments and Hospitality committee. A list was circulated for people to provide refreshments for upcoming meetings. Both county fairs need chairs. Dave Lambert's wife will maintain the website. Dan Klasen offered to help with the club hives and is hoping to find someone to help.

7:33 pm refreshment break

7:48 End of the year hive preparations: Brad Mogen spoke about "End of the Year Hive Preparations," beginning with pulling honey after August 15th, treating for mites, and then later applying a second mite treatment, perhaps oxalic acid. There was some discussion and questions regarding the "dribble method." Brad spoke about the need to protect hives by placing them out of the wind and wrapping them with waxed-cardboard covers or felt paper. He also said he uses candy boards to help his bees get through the winter. He spoke further about queen mating behavior, queen cell selection by worker bees and some of the implications for the hive.

8:30 pm meeting adjourned.