

Douglas County Bees  
Monthly General Meeting  
**May 5th, 2021**

Good Evening Members,

Last night's meeting at Stewart Park in the pavilion was full of information. Weather was beautiful! Topics included were "just looking for information" , "How to store unused frames." "feeding bees", 'treating bees for mites", and "Layens Hives – how to start one".

Meeting was called to order sort of, at 7:00pm-ish by Robert Baune

Beau Miakinkoff really didn't have secretary report at the meeting, But now there is a report: We have 42 members in the club now. 19 people were in attendance at the meeting. 4 guests attended the meeting with 3 of them becoming new members! The Swarm alert call list has been updated along with the list of members waiting for the cut-out bees. Please feel free to acquaint yourselves with how soon your name is to being NEXT on the list. This is found on the website. Last week Beau updated the cut-out crew list to make it easier for the cut-out coordinators to find the members that can come help with this community service that DCB provides. The new business cards are in. A box of them was passed around for anyone to take what they needed.

The one more volunteer to help with the cut-out this Saturday was obtained. Thank you! I think we actually have extra workers now..... VERY much appreciated, indeed.

Also, the Blooms and Butterflies in Elkton event is back on. Thank you Dawn Wait for being persistent in helping to facilitate DCB participating. June 17th, 2021! DCB will have a booth there and we now have enough members to staff the booth.

The treasurer report was recorded that the checking account has \$3,107.12 at the beginning of May 2021. A total of \$124.03 was paid out for website backup services and new business cards for the club. There is \$51.00 in membership dues and another generous donation from the Costco employees in the amount of \$100.50 that was deposited! \$200.00 was transferred to the Savings account that represents the sale of donated equipment and a cash donation from one of the cut-outs. The savings account now has \$2,262.05 The breakdown of the savings account funds are as follows: Non-designated \$1970.05, Equipment funds \$30.00, Cut-out Crew Funds \$262.00

Robert passed around the new queen cup cages and the queen keepers along with the modified top bar for a top bar hive Queen Cell Nursery. (This was originally intended for DCB to buy these cages and keepers, but Robert was quick on the draw and ordered them before I could give him the DCB debit card.) Since the open air cut-out where we salvaged 15 queen cells, with 9 of them hatching out and no one being properly prepared to keep them alive We

thought it would be prudent to make ourselves prepared for this in the future. Phil made the suggestion that Beau is now the Queen Bee Mommy, and if other beekeepers need to have their salvaged queen cells put in the nursery, they should bring them to Beau.

Questions and round-robin style sharing commenced. The meeting went by so fast!

Beau Miakinkoff – secretary/treasurer