



Dodge Jefferson Beekeepers Association Newsletter

WI Pollinator Protection Plan Available for Review & Comment

February Meeting

February 14
St. Michael's Church Hall
N4911 Gray Road
Hustisford, WI
1pm Potluck
2pm Meeting

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The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) worked with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Entomology Department to develop the plan in response to risks facing pollinators. The plan consists of an analysis of scientific data about risks to pollinators, and recommended best management practices to protect pollinators.

"This plan offers science-based recommendations to beekeepers, gardeners and homeowners, farmers, and anyone with land that can provide habitat for pollinators. It is entirely voluntary; it is not a new set of regulations," said DATCP Secretary Ben Brancel. "We owe a debt of gratitude to our panel of stakeholders who spent hours considering the data and discussing the best management practices to protect pollinators. The time they spent helps us all, because pollinators mean food on our plates, millions of dollars in added crop values and thousands of jobs in Wisconsin."

The plan is available online at datcp.wi.gov; search for "pollinator protection plan"

or email DATCPagriculture@wisconsin.gov for a direct link. It is also available by writing to DATCP, ATTN Pollinator Protection Plan, PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911. You can comment through Friday, Feb. 19, by sending emails or written comments to the addresses above.

In Wisconsin, pollinators include managed non-native honey bees; more than 400 wild native species of bees; and other insects. All carry pollen between plants, fertilizing the plants so they produce fruit, vegetables and seeds.

News stories have focused on population declines among managed colonies of honey bees, but some wild pollinators like bumble bees are also declining. Science suggests that a number of factors are in play.

For honey bees, the risks include parasites, pathogens and lack of genetic diversity. Both honey bees and other pollinators are affected by loss of habitat, inadequate forage, and pesticide exposure.

The goals of the plan are to:

- Expand the quality and quantity of habitat for managed and wild pollinators
- Minimize stressors on managed and wild pollinators
- Improve managed hive health and survival
- Provide outreach about pollinator-friendly practices

The department contracted with University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers, who analyzed the scientific data and worked with DATCP staff and stakeholders to write the plan.

Stakeholders involved in developing the plan included commercial and hobbyist beekeepers, environmental groups, farmers, agribusinesses, pesticide manufacturers, commodity organizations, state and federal agencies and tribal governments. They met in three daylong meetings from August through November.

The comment period will remain open through Feb. 19.

January Club Minutes

The January 10, 2016 Dodge/Jefferson County Beekeepers Association meeting was called to order by President Tracy Malterer at 2:00pm, with 32 members present.

Secretary's Report - A price correction to the Fish Fry tickets was made. Prices will be \$12 for advanced and at the door tickets. A motion was made to correct the error and accept the remainder of the report, as read.

Treasurer's Report - The balance as of 01/01/2016 was \$6,377.68. The 2015 Audit of Finances found the finances to be in order and correct.

Education - A presentation was given by guest speaker John Rogers, Southern District Chair for the WHPA and a member of the Sauk/Columbia County Beekeepers. He manages several hundred hives in the Baraboo area. He spoke on mite treatment and explained a custom made box that he uses for feeding and for controlling hive moisture in the winter.

Promotion - In January, Jeanne Malterer and Karen and Andy Schnitzler will set up a booth at the Healthy Living Learning Center. Russ Haecker will be giving a presentation to the Watertown Rotary Club on January 18. In February, Tracy Malterer and Melanie Williams will be leading a "Bees and Pollination" segment at the Dodge County 4-H Learning Day. April 2, 9-12pm club members will be helping Janet McConaughy with a "Beginning Beekeeping" workshop at the Sustain Jefferson Concord Community Center.

Scholarship - Information on applying for the "Youth in Beekeeping" Scholarship has been sent out to Boy and Girl Scout groups, FFA and 4-H organizations, local papers, posted on our website, and other online sites. The application deadline is February 1 and they should be sent to Louis Antonioni.

Club Bees - Auchtung's have two living hives, Louis had one hive, that died in November, and Saeger's have two good hives, Drajeste's two hives took off in October. A motion was made and carried to purchase 10, three lb. packages at \$114 each for the club and the scholarship program.

Queen -Yvette Jenks is heading up the search and has application information out to the public with a February 1 deadline.

Fish Fry - Date Correction, preparation is on February 18 and the Fish Fry is on February 19. 496 were served in 2014 and 377 in 2015 with a \$1700 profit. We will be serving baked and fried fish, and baked chicken. There will be 50/50 raffle and desserts available to purchase. Please bring a dessert. Call Jackie Tracy at 920.988.8446 if you would like to help.

Christmas Party – The 2016 Christmas Party will be held on December 3.

New Business - A motion was made and carried to donate \$200 to the Alice in Dairyland Finals. Vitro Winery Honey Festival is Saturday, August 20. Vendors, educational booths and tasting of mead made with Rogers Pure Honey.

Next Meeting- February 14, 1:00 potluck, 2:00 meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Melanie Williams, Secretary

2016 Calendar, Updated

- February 14 1pm Club Meeting
- February 18 Fish Fry Set Up and Prep (Juneau Community Center)
- February 19 Fish Fry at Juneau Community Center
- March - no club meeting
- March 5 - WI Honey Producers Southeast District Meeting 10am Ashippun Fire Station
- April 10 1pm Club Meeting
- May 15 1pm Club Meeting (May 8 is Mother's Day)
- June 11 or 12 Summer Picnic - Date and Location TBA
- July 10 1pm Club Meeting
- July 14-16 WI Honey Producers Summer Meeting held with Minnesota Honey Producers @ Ramada Hotel in Bloomington, MN
- August 4-14 WI State Fair
- August 17-21 Dodge County Fair Honey Booth - volunteers needed
- September 11 1pm Club Meeting
- October 9 1pm Club Meeting
- November 3-6 WI Honey Producers Fall Convention, Fond du Lac
- November 13 1pm Club Meeting
- December 3 Christmas Party & Election of Officers @ River Hills Club House, Theresa

***Clip out this calendar to make sure you don't miss any of the exciting events the Club has scheduled for 2016!

Fish Fry, Help Needed

The club will hold its annual Fish Fry on February 19 from 4:30-7:30pm at the Juneau Community Center in Juneau. Tickets are \$12/adult and \$8 for kids 5-10 years old. Menu includes baked and fried fish and baked chicken. 50/50 raffle and desserts to sell. Please bring a dessert or bars to donate. Kitchen prep and set up will be Thursday, February 18 around 5pm. Club members are needed in the kitchen, be runners, bus tables, and serve desserts. Club honey will also be sold. This annual fundraiser helps support our club activities. Call Jackie Tracy TODAY to help. 920.988.8446.



Bee Classes

Capitol Bee Supply Offers Classes In Beaver Dam

4 Part Class—Learn to Keep Bees

March - August

Cost: \$100.00 for all four parts, additional family members \$50.00

Second Year and Beyond

Saturday, March 26th, 8:30-3:30pm

Cost: \$60

To Register: Call Capital Bee Supply at [608-444-1493](tel:608-444-1493) or visit capitalbeesupply.com

Classes held at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, N7156 E Plaza Drive, Beaver Dam

Last Newsletter

Renew your 2016 dues! If your dues are not renewed this month, this will be your last monthly newsletter. Mail your dues to Mel Saeger at W6140 Hwy 33 Juneau, WI 53039. Questions, contact Mel, at 920.386.2063. Dues are \$10 a person or \$15 a couple.

Entrepreneurship Presentation, Beekeeping

Dylon Pokorny was invited to participate on a panel of young entrepreneurs at an event hosted by the Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The audience was high school students from surrounding area schools, involved in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Dylon shared how he got started in beekeeping, how he turned a hobby into a business, his marketing plan, and the importance of public education and community service as a business owner.

After the formal presentation, high school students had the opportunity to ask questions of the panel members. Dylon received questions from how bees are in a hive, to the benefits of honey and countless others.

Dylon is a junior at the Waupun Jr. Sr. High School and has been beekeeping since grade 6. He owns and manages seven hives. Through his bee business, he has decided to pursue a business major in college.



Dylon Pokorny, Pokorny Bees

Baked Sticky Honey Chicken

Ingredients:

- *Nonstick cooking spray
- *One 3-pound chicken, cut into 10 pieces
- *Kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper
- *1/4 cup honey
- *1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- *1/2 stick melted butter
- *Juice of 1 lemon

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and spray with nonstick spray.

Sprinkle the chicken on both sides with salt and pepper.

Combine the honey, mustard, melted butter and lemon juice in a large bowl.

Toss the chicken through the mixture and place skin-side up on the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with more salt and pepper.

Bake until the chicken is fully cooked and an instant-read thermometer reads 165 degrees F, about 40 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of Jamie Deen, Food Network