

Douglas County Bees  
Monthly General Meeting  
**July 7th, 2021**  
Good Morning Members!,

Last night's general monthly meeting wasn't too uncomfortable in the park. It was warm with a nice breeze. Sixteen were in attendance with three guests of which one has already joined the club. The other two took home the membership applications.

Robert opened the meeting with a list of items talking about the cut-out season and supplying statistics of Old Comb colonies and brand new comb colonies. We have the records of the cut-out and swarm recipients. There will be a phone call in the early next Spring to inquire about how your bees from this year have survived. The important things on your to-do list for this time of the year is to provide a water source for your bees and monitor the hive to help with ventilation. These high temperatures are hot for humans....and for the bees!

The cut-out season is officially closed for 2021. If any swarm calls come in and are actually determined to be true swarms, the call will be issued to the members on the swarm call list. All cut-outs are now being deferred to next Spring, and there are already 4 on that list! The wild blackberries in most areas of Douglas County have finished blooming. We are now in the season of dearth. (food is scarce for the honey bees) If your bees do not have enough honey stored in the hive, FEED them. Help them to overwinter. DCB is here to help save the bees so do your part and be a good Bee Steward. Oh, and very important: its time to put the cat food in the yellow jacket traps. They (the yellow jackets) will be out scavenging now and attacking the honey bee hives.

Beau's treasurer report indicates there is \$3,039.44 in the checking account. We received \$14.00 in cash for dues, \$25.00 in cash from the sale of donated woodware (Robert, as usual, cleaned up the boxes, made repairs and sold as used) Expenditures out of the checking account were \$12.00 for misc. equipment supplies for Robert and \$109.76 for office and other bee equipment supplies. The savings account has \$2798.05 . the breakdown of this is \$1,970.05 in the non-designated , \$38.00 is in the equipment funds ( an increase of \$8.00 cash donations received from the Blooms and Butterflies event in Elkton), and \$790.00 now in the Cut-out Crew funds (an increase of \$250.00 from customers that were happy with DCB cut-out services). As you all know, DCB is a 501C3 LLC organization. We do not charge for our bee removal services, but donations are never refused! I do issue thank you card with a receipt to the donor for their tax records and ours!

Beau's secretary report was about the up-coming event in August for the Douglas County Fair. We are invited to share a booth again with OSU Extension Service. We are looking for members to staff the booth for all 4 days.

We've had some news that resulted in some changes to organizing this event. Phil will now be in charge of the roster and getting it all coordinated for staffing the booth. Robert and Beau will still be setting up and taking down the DCB portion of the booth. Phil will be issuing an email soon to recruit the booth staff. And remember....DCB will reimburse your parking fees. Your time as a volunteer is appreciated. You will be issued a pass to enter the fair grounds, You must turn in your paid receipt for the parking to Beau (the treasurer) in order to be reimbursed for your parking fees.

Beau is still in the process of refurbishing two more donated 10 frame deep set-ups. (only the painting is left) These will be available for selling to the club members soon.

Question and answer session was next. A few from the already members, and lots from our visitors. A really good sign that there will soon be 3 more beekeepers here in Douglas County!

Beau Miakinkoff ~ secretary/treasurer