

## Minutes of the April 1, 2009 Meeting of the Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

The meeting was called to order by our President, Randy Chase, at 7:15 p.m. Randy welcomed guests, recognized those who provided refreshments, and thanked Peter for providing beverages. He thanked Barbara Godlewski for demonstrating techniques for making Polish Easter Eggs. Many people arrived early and brought their children to the demonstration. It was very popular.

### Announcements:

1. Tim Fulton made the following announcements: The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wisconsin Honey Producer Association (WHPA) Used Beekeeping Equipment Auction will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to noon and restart at 1:00 p.m. The auction will be held at Lapp's Bee Supply Center located at 500 S main Street, Reeseville, WI. Those interested auctioning items contact: Dean Lapp 1-920-927-3848. The person who brings auction items will receive 75% of the revenue and 25% goes to the WHPA. For any questions: Tim Fulton 1-262-553-5510.

2. Tim Fulton also said that the National Honey Board is working to develop a standard definition of honey so that no one can sell an adulterated product and call it honey. Florida already has such provisions.

3. Jim Belli discussed the processing controls mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health. To sell honey off your residence, it must be bottled in a state inspected and certified honey house. A summary of the processing and labeling resources and points of contact can be found at the following web site: <http://www.isba.us/index.processing.htm>. He also stated that The American Bee Journal has published articles about the labeling laws and adulterated and contaminated honey.

### **Treasurer's report**

1. There is currently \$801.38 in the treasury.

The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

### **Old Business**

1. No Old business was presented.

### **New business**

1. No new business was presented.

Rick Sallman, a charter member of the Northern States Queen Breeders Association, gave a presentation and answered questions on beekeeping and raising queens. He will sell and ship queens to beekeepers. His phone number is 608-88-2987.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.