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Minutes of the May 6, 2009 Meeting of the Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

The meeting was called to order by our President, Randy Chase, at 7:05 p.m. Randy welcomed guests recognized those who provided refreshments, and thanked Peter for providing beverages. ~~Many people enjoyed the strawberry and rhubarb pie.~~

Announcements:

1. Jim Belli discussed the regulations on sanitary processing and the holding of honey. 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.
2. The membership directory was distributed to those desiring a copy.
3. Tim Fulton made the following announcements:
 - a. The WHPA website is changing. The association is adding more content and those interested should check it out. (<http://www.wihoney.com/>)
 - b. He recommended a book called, The Buzz about Bees, Biology of a Superorganism, by Jurgen Tautz.
5. Marie Boynum, who lives in Racine, will take bees. They did not get their bees in time and they lost two hives over the winter. She is happy to buy a split from another R/K Beekeeper Association member.

Treasurer's report

1. There is currently \$786.86 in the treasury.
2. The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Old Business

1. There was no old business

New Business

1. The secretary was congratulated for her effort on the member directory.

Main Presentation

1. Randy Chase summarized the debate about pesticides among beekeepers and answered questions from members.
2. Members viewed a DVD about the challenges of the Africanized Honey bee in Florida.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.