

Minutes of the October 7, 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 beverages.

Tim Fulton made the following announcements:

1. The Wisconsin Honey Producers will hold their annual convention November 5-8 at the Best Western Trail Lodge Hotel & Suites Eau Claire. Speakers include Randy Oliver, Sue Kolbe, and others. There will also be workshops for new beekeepers.
2. There will be a scholarship offered for young beekeepers and the details of the scholarship will be announced at the convention.

Randy made the following announcements:

1. He had a copy of the 2010 Racine County Tree Order Form and catalogue. Attendees were welcome to place orders for any of a variety of trees at great prices.
2. He also had a copy of an article from the University of Illinois about Colony Collapse Disease. Researchers found fragments of RNA in the stomachs of bees which may be a marker for CCD.

**Treasurer's report**

1. There is currently \$832.52 in the treasury.

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

**Old Business**

1. No old business was presented.

**New business**

1. Randy displayed props for preparing hives for winter. Members could pick a prop and discuss their own feeding techniques or ask questions about items they have not used.
2. There was also a honey tasting. Several members brought samples of their own honey and offered everyone a taste!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.