

Minutes of the February 3, 2010 Meeting of the Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

The meeting was called to order by our President, Randy Chase, at 7:10 p.m. Randy welcomed guests recognized those who provided refreshments and beverages.

Announcements:

1. Tim Fulton encouraged members to join the Wisconsin Honey Producers Association. It costs \$10/year to join. The state level organization is working to develop and approve a codex or standard definition of honey so that laws may be passed to eliminate or at least properly label adulterated honey in Wisconsin markets.
2. The association has a DVD on swarms available to members to borrow. Contact Randy if you are interested in watching it.
3. The refreshments and Swarm Catch list for 2010 was passed around so that members could sign up for those duties.

Treasurer's report

1. There is currently \$845.09 in the treasury.

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

Old Business

1. Randy thanked all who attended the Christmas Buffet.
2. Jim Belli gave an updated on the IL Honey House Legislation. There is a move to get the bill changed to exempt hobbyists from the law requiring honey house inspections and certification.
3. A class teaching the fundamentals of beekeeping is scheduled for February 6th in Kenosha.

New Business

1. The association held elections to for the offices of treasure, secretary and president elect. The election resulted in no changes in the office holders. The Treasurer is Karen Belli, Secretary is Maggie Friery, and the President Elect is Pat DeMoon.

The Presentation

The presentation was a show and tell of medications, tools, and other products used to medicate one's hives for spring. The general rule is that beekeepers should start medicating hives around March 1st and discontinue in early May.

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