

Minutes of the April 7, 2010 Meeting of the Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

The meeting was called to order by our Vice-President, Patrick DeMoon, at 7:10 p.m. Pat welcomed guests, recognized those who provided refreshments and thanked Peter for providing beverages. The minutes and Treasurer's report were read and approved. Pat then asked members to come up with ideas for discussion at our future meetings regarding the use of the Association's excess funds. Jim Belli announced that the Illinois State Beekeepers' Association summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 12th – not June 13th. Tim then made the following announcements: (i) under the new 'Pickle Bill', additives to honey, such as flavorings, will likely not be allowed, (ii) the Governor of Wisconsin signed the new honey standards law, and (iii) Tim has written grants, seeking funds for several projects such as promoting honey online, as well as to defray the cost of testing to obtain Wisconsin honey certification. Finally, presentations were made and questions were answered on the topics of hiving new packages and swarms, making splits, diseases, smoker fuel, and mite counting and treatment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.