

MINUTES RACINE/KENOSHA BEEKEEPERS ASSN. NOV. 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by our President, Randy Chase, at 7:05 p.m. He welcomed the new members and guests, & recognized those who provided refreshments.

Announcements

Carl Christiansen had two book recommendations for the group; "Following the Bloom", and "Killer Bees".

WHPA would be this weekend in Manetowoc.
The U of Minnesota sent a letter thanking us for our donation.
The minutes and treasurers report were read & approved.

Old Business

There was some discussion about having our holiday party at a new location. The secretary was asked to confirm our plans for the Holiday Get-together at the Old Country Buffet on Hwy. 50 & Route 31 in Kenosha for December 1st.

New Business

Randy said that we should think about the election of new officers that would happen at the February meeting.

Presentation

Randy passed out the paper "Iridovirus and Microsporidian Linked to Honey Bee Colony Decline" by Jerry Bromenshenk.
We discussed how we can minimize CCD. There was some discussion about neonicatanoids, other chemicals, and insecticides too.

That discussion lead to the problem with yellow jackets.
Various other pollinators (bumble bees) were talked about.
We touched on the problem with spraying in yards.

Barbara Godlewski had a sample of the fiber board that she and George use to help with hive insulation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.