

*out the door by 8:40 ending End by 8:30*

Minutes of the May 4., 2011 Meeting of the Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

The meeting was called to order by our President, Randy Chase, at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed guests & recognized those who provided refreshments.

**Announcements**

Tim Fulton made announcements about bees on 600 acres in Genoa City and some bee equipment for sale. He asked about club extractors and Butch Miscichowski indicated that he has one.

Peter Poli talked about work being done on our website with Carol. Sean ? gave us a basic website explanation which we agreed to go forward with.

Jim Belli talked about how the weather was effecting bee delivery.

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

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

We talked about our July event being a visit to a bee yard which will be Dan Riendeau's apiary at 10 AM on Saturday July 16, 2011. *LOCATION to me for mailing & email*

August 3, 2011 will be the annual bee picnic at Belli's Farm at 5:30 PM.

*Email map*

**Presentation**

Randy's topic was about supering. He did a show and tell of different supering supplies. He talked about what to look for in a healthy hive; a solid bee population, good brood nest, and to check on nectar/pollen sources...what is blooming. Keep an eye on both the long and short term weather report. He indicated that a strong honey flow is needed to produce comb honey. He favors putting new empty supers next to the brood nest. Various group members gave their input on their preferences. Use of bee excluders was discussed.

We wrapped up the meeting with a Q & A about mite issues; using herbs around our hives or using essential oils. Randy helped set up some bee mentoring situations. Phone numbers were given out.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.