

Minutes of the November 3, 2011 Meeting of the Racine/Kenosha Beekeeper's Association.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Randy Chase at 7:06pm. He welcomed guests and recognized those who provided refreshments.

Announcements

Randy Chase informed the Association of the Wisconsin's Honey Producers was meeting this weekend.

November 12, 2011 the Illinois State Beekeepers Meeting will be held in Springfield, IL.

The October 27, viewing of the "Queen of the Sun" movie was well attended. The Club now owns the DVD and the movie is available to members.

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

Old Business

The Christmas party is scheduled for December 3. There was discussion as to where the party is to take place. There was a consensus for either the Birchwood Grill or if this doesn't work out, our usual meeting room. There will be an RSVP commitment by mail.

A motion was made and seconded to have Pete Poli contact the Birchwood Grill in Kenosha for a private room and food with a not-to-exceed amount of \$150.00.

New Business

Linsey said a pumpkin farm is looking for beehives. If anyone is interested they should see her.

February meeting will be the selection of officers for the Association President. Randy has reached his term limit and the club needs to pick a new President or president-elect. There are also elections for treasurer and secretary. Randy stated that Pete is a fine secretary and Linsey has done a great job as treasurer.

Pete Poli is interested in putting a large order of bees together for a discount. If anyone is interested, see him.

Presentation

Randy Chase gave a presentation of Nosema. He explained the two types: Nosema Apis and Nosema Serena. Randy explained the symptoms, what to look for, types of treatment and how to test hives for Nosema. Stressed hives are more susceptible to this problem. Fumigillin is a popular treatment for this condition.

Discussion took place and members shared their treatments and their results. There was some discussion of hive beetles.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.