

Minutes of the March 7, 2012 Meeting of the Racine/Kenosha Beekeeper's Association.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Drabicki at 7:05pm. He asked everyone to perform a self introduction and indicate where they are from and how many hives they took into winter. He welcomed new members and thanked Past President Randy Chase.

Announcements

Please complete a 2012 membership survey and return to the Secretary.

Yearly membership dues of \$5 are due.

The 2012 swarm list is being passed around.

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Tim Fulton announced an Earth Day Event at the Gateway Tech College in Racine. 10:00-14:00 on April 21st. Parties interested in manning a table should contact Scott.

Pete Poli invited everyone to the Spring into Gardening event at Westosha Central High School on March 10th.

Larry Studer announced a beginner beekeeper class at Rheyerson Woods on March 17th.

The February 2012 minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented \$940.14 in the bank, \$100 in cash. Motion to accept was approved. There was discussion about using fund balance for scholarships, donations, and purchase of additional equipment.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- This is the last month to order packages and now is the time to place pollen patties and start treating for foulbrood and nosema if you do that.
- Members looking for mentors were paired up.
- Scott indicated he would be looking into updating the web page.
- Pete inquired about how many members are using the Facebook page and he encouraged members to join.

Presentation

Tim Fulton gave a presentation about the World Ag Expo and California Pollination operations.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. Members were encouraged to break into small groups to discuss frame assembly, wiring, and hive assembly.

Submitted by:

Diane Drabicki, Acting Secretary