

## Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

### March 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes



#### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by President Scott Drabicki at 7:05pm. He welcomed new members and asked if any of the new members needed a mentor.
- 63 Attendees with 7 new members

#### Announcements

- Tim Fulton has Driftwatch cards available for pick-up with contact information
- March 23, 10am and 2pm, Larry Studer is having a HiveSide education seminar; please inquire to him if you are interested
- On-line training has been linked on the associations website to advance your bee knowledge

#### Executive Report

- Next meeting will be April 17 since April 3<sup>rd</sup> the Kenosha room is booked; Craig Petros (state bee inspector) will be the presenter
- Gateway Earth Day April 20; 3-4 hr commitment to volunteer at event; See Scott
- Spring into Gardening MGV Event March 9; if you are interested in volunteering see Gail
- Bee club has been invited to talk to MGV next year for their Monthly meeting
- The February minutes were reviewed and approved. They will be stored on the website for reference.
- The treasurer report is \$1,366.91 (-\$25 for directory printing supplies and +242 in 2013 dues)

#### Old Business

- Club extractor- Alex Sharpata
- Google Group site is active; please sign up

#### New Business

- Next Mann Lake Bee catalog is available; buy a hive and they donate to the MN Bee Lab
- Good reference for varroa mites; ScientificBeekeeping.com (Randy Oliver)
- Woodenware; buy from a consistent source
- Varroa Mites; Discussion on population control in the drone cells

- Put shallow frame in a deep box and the bees will draw drone cells below the frame - and then you can discard comb (scrape off, freeze or feed larva to chickens)

- Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Presenter: Soap Making and Top Bar Hives by Pete Poli

Submitted by: Gail Seefeldt