

## Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

### April 17, 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 4 new members

#### Announcements

- June 29, IL ISBA meeting at the Holiday Inn; you can sign up online

#### Executive Report

- Next meeting will be May 1 and a member of Driftwatch is the presenter
- Report on HiveSide lecture at Larry Studer's on March 23
- Scott and Diane attended the Dadant Anniversary Event in Missouri; great event with many noteworthy bee speakers and presentations including Randy Oliver
- Scott and Jeff Knuth made a motion for the club to sell book "First Lessons in Beekeeping" from Dadant to the club for \$5 and the club would subsidize \$0.97 per book; Motion passed and books will be sold to the club
- The March minutes were reviewed and approved. They will be stored on the website for reference.
- The treasurer report is \$1,404.27 (paid out \$37.29 for an additional coffee maker for the club and to Jeff Knuth for the Beekeeping books)

#### Old Business

- Club extractor- Alex Sharpata
- Google Group site is active; please sign up
- Sent around swarm call list

#### New Business

- Bee Package Delivery
  - 2 people have received bees; 3lb packages from Lee Heine LBE 4/17
- Scott gave a demonstration on how to hive a package
- Feeding; the first crop is dandelions, maple, pussy willow
- Discussion on Splits

- Discussion on if members reverse hive bodies
- This month in Beekeeping
  - Finish assembly and set up in field
  - Register in IL
  - Sugar syrup feeding in Spring
  - Recommendation from member to put cherry menthol cough drops in each corner on frames to help with mites (tracheal and varroa)
  - Question about if you have a new hive and the queen seems to have left
    - Call vendor if she dies soon after receiving her
    - Get frame of larva so the hive will make new queen
    - Buy a new queen; most mated by late June
    - If you have more than 1 colony, combine and put newspaper between 2 hives and they will eat through the paper and eventually combine as one
- Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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