

## Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

### October 2, 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.
- 35 Attendees with 2 new members

#### Announcements

- WHPA Fall Convention, Oct 31 - Nov 3 at the Racine Marriot; sign up and schedule online at <http://www.wihoney.org>; Tim is looking for volunteers
- Recommendations of refractometers to use for solid testing
  - \$30-\$50 for a decent one (one made for honey not beer)

#### Executive Report

- Officer elections coming up in December as there is no January meeting; if you are interested, let the officers know
- Reminder- Club is selling book "First Lessons in Beekeeping" from Dadant to the club for \$5 and the club would subsidize \$0.97 per book
- The September minutes were reviewed and approved. They will be stored on the website for reference and the google groups page for review.
- The treasurer report is \$1160.00

#### Old Business

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

#### New Business

- December Dinner location; club would like to schedule it at the Birchwood Grill again
  - Recommendation of each member donating a \$1 for Holiday Door Prize
- Request for a presenter at "Spring into Gardening" at Paddock Lake High School, 3/9/14
  - Pete Poli has volunteered with help of Gail and Lindsay to confirm
- Club approved the purchase of another community extractor

- Jeff K. to buy at convention with a budget of \$400
- Member recommendation to charge a rental fee of club extractor to ensure members return it in a timely fashion
- This month in Beekeeping
  - Preparation for hive for winter
    - Ensure you store your boxes and frames correctly so you do not have wax moth
    - Mite treatments
    - Feed 2:1 sugar mixture through November 1; homemade candy boards
    - Attach mouse guards as it gets colder to fend off honey robbing
    - Reduce yellow jackets with banana peels
    - Ventilation-Rolled up newspapers, add an attic, prop up cover, adding holes in boxes with pvc pipe sticking out
- Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by: Gail Seefeldt