

## Racine/Kenosha Beekeepers' Association

### November 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.
- 38 Attendees with 3 new members

#### Announcements

- IL Beekeepers, Springfield, IL workshops coming up; check their website

#### Executive Report

- Officer elections coming up in February as there is no January meeting; if you are interested, let the officers know; new President-elect and Treasurer needed and current have fulfilled their terms
- 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 October minutes were reviewed and approved. They will be stored on the website for reference and the google groups page for review.
- Treasurer's report has \$1149.56 in savings and \$110.00 in cash; paid out first payment to Eagle Scout \$150.00 and approved extractor budget to be increased by \$40.00

#### Old Business

- Club extractor- Seth Tost and new extractor is with Don Laferty
- Google Group site is active; please sign up

#### New Business

- December Holiday Party is December 4, 6:30pm at the Birchwood Grill
- WI Beekeeping Convention; Randy Chase talked on the highlights and 10 members attended
  - Intro to CCD and pesticides; pollen may be bad to feed back to the bees due to pesticides
  - Queen raising; cleaning prophylis
- \$5 Dues approved to continue for 2014
- New Extractor-discussion on rental fee
  - Scott to add signs of identification to extractors

- Need a Rubbermaid box for storage of new extractor items to allow easier traveling; secretary to look into this
- This month in Beekeeping
  - Preparation for hive for winter
    - Recommendation to ward off wax moths- cloves
    - Wind Fence
    - If you wrap your hive, don't wrap it too tight to allow ventilation and ensure moisture doesn't build up
    - Venting- Members have had good outcomes either using it or not
- Door Prize- Butch Miscichowski won a smoker!!
- Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Submitted by: Gail Seefeldt