

Illinois Valley Beekeeping Association Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2025

Called to Order by: Warren Norris. Officers present: Warren Norris, Dave Golaszewski, Sheri Strumreiter, Kelle Frymire.

1. Attendance

Officers Present: Warren Norris, Dave Golaszewski, Sheri Strumreiter, Kelle Frymire.

2. Waterway Report

Presenter: Bill Cunico. Summary report on Waterway hives (see attached report). Bill asked what to do with an aggressive hive. Suggestions included requeening, splitting, and making mating nucs.

3. ISBA Newsletter

Presenter: Dave Golaszewski. The quarterly newsletter includes seasonal hive management tips, news from other clubs, and educational content. Sheri has a contact who may include IVBA updates.

4. Club Promotion

Warren encouraged members to take photos at IVBA events and send them to Dave for the website. Photos can also be shared with media and ISBA.

5. School Outreach – FFA Section 7

Presenter: Kristin Emmerich. Proposal to give brief bee presentations at local schools. Warren has seed packets from Rural King for distribution and may request more from Farm & Fleet.

6. Rural King Wellness Event

Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025. Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Members may sell honey at booths.

7. ISBA Summer Conference

Host: Dave Meyer. Date: Saturday, August 16, 2025. Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, followed by a bonfire. Location: Dave's property. Volunteers needed — sign up via his website.

8. Honey Flow & Equipment Discussion

Many members reported slow honey flow this season. Most use queen excluders (plastic or metal).

9. Educational Resources

Presenter: Kelle Frymire. Melliflora provides botanical analysis of pollen in honey. The American Honey Tasting Association offers tasting classes and workshops. Both are linked in the IVBA website event section.

10. Hive Splitting Presentation

Presenter: Mike. Demonstrated how to split a hive using a double screen board. Recommended watching videos by Bob Binny.

11. Hive Management Reminders

Shared by Warren: Perform mite checks, monitor for small hive beetles, provide water for bees, watch temperatures. The club extractor is available (please clean thoroughly before returning). No August meeting.

12. Raffle

50/50 Winner: Cathy Golaszewski. Prize: \$12.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Warren Norris.