

IVBA minutes for September 12, 2025

President, Warren Norris opened the meeting with his introduction. No other officers were present.

The treasures report was given by Nancy Barnes. This was approved by Stephanie Nelson and Jim Kaminske (sp)

Warren reported that he had obtained boxes of seeds from Farm and Fleet and Rural King to share with members and to give away to the community at talks given by members about honeybees.

Bill Cunico reported on the Water way progress of the hives there.

There was a discussion on what price members sell their honey for. \$11 - \$12 for a pound, specialty bottles (8-12 ounces) for \$8. Quarts for \$28- \$35.

The State Newsletter is seeking a host for the annual meeting next year which will be in central area of the state.

Dave Meyer, Northern Region Director, gave a report on the ISBA summer meeting held at Meyer Bees in Minooka on Saturday August 16th. More than 200 beekeepers were in attendance from 15 clubs across the state as well as beekeepers who attended on their own. He talked about the great speakers who presented as well as the bee beard demonstration, smoker contest, raffle, apiary tour, swarm demonstration and evening bonfire. He thanked the area Beekeeper clubs and the many volunteers who helped with making the program a success.

Warren discussed needed preparation for your hives. The importance of checking for mites and treating with the appropriate treatment as well as treating for small hive beetles and checking hives for winter food stores and feeding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Nancy Barnes.

FYI: Stephanie Nelson brought back the May American Bee Journal