

Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association

Date

June 13, 2025

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by President Warren Norris.
- Board officers introduced themselves:
 - Warren Norris, President
 - Dave Golaszewski, Vice President
 - Sheri Strumreiter, Treasurer
 - Kelle Frymire, Co-Secretary

2. Welcome and Introductions

- New members welcomed:
 - Steve Jansen
 - Joseph Jansen

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Members were instructed to read the June 13, 2025 meeting minutes on the website.
- Motion to accept minutes was made by Jack Frymire and seconded by Robin Smith.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Beginning Balance - Checking (5/9/2025): \$6,385.87
- Ending Balance - Checking (6/13/2025): \$6,347.66
- Beginning Balance - Savings (5/9/2025): \$953.11
- Ending Balance - Savings (6/13/2025): \$953.11
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Mae Zusefin, seconded by Lewis Bodamer.

5. Committee and Project Updates

- Illinois Waterway Visitor's Center: Bill Cunico gave an update on the 6 hives. Full report available online.

6. Old Business

- Clubware: Members may see Nancy Barnes to place orders.
- Lending Library: See Kelle Frymire to request resources.

7. New Business

- Bee Questions: Read aloud by Kelle Frymire.
- Bee Vacuums: Warren Norris explained what they are, how they work, and how to build one.

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- Hive Inspection: June/July sheet distributed. Warren reviewed key points-what to check in hives, record-keeping, swarm awareness, mite checks.
- Mite Test Jar: Warren demonstrated making a test jar using PB jars, 1/8" screen, and glue gun.
- Swarming: Discussion that swarming is still possible-members reminded to watch for signs.
- Foulbrood Awareness: A foulbrood video was shown.
- Seed Giveaways: Warren is getting free seeds from Farm & Fleet and Rural King for IVBA outreach giveaways.
- Next Club Meeting: Friday, July 11.
- Illinois State Bee Conference: Dave Meyer announced it will be held at his place on August 16, with speakers, tents, hands-on events, and a bonfire.
- Spring Checklist: Dave showed and reviewed it on screen.

8. Raffles

- 50/50 Raffle: Won by Mike Long.
- Wooden Bee Box Raffle (donated by Bill Cunico): Won by Mike Long.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Carla Konieczski and seconded by Ed Dye.

10. Next Meeting

- Friday, July 11, 2025