

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Kakabeka Falls Legion , K.B. Falls

Drive west of Thunder Bay on Hwy. 11/17, Legion located on right before village of Kakabeka Falls. (*Early start 6:00 pm if you would like dinner*)

****TBBA Meetings will be on second Tuesday of every other month except January and July is dedicated to a workshop. ****

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Previous Minutes
4. Business Arising from minutes
 - a) **Elections – President is needed**
 - b) Exec. Position – Volunteer Coordinator
 - c) Audit committee
 - d) **Draft Constitution to be addressed**
5. Treasurer's Report
6. President's Report
7. Bee inspector's Report
8. Correspondence
9. New Business
10. Next Meeting Date
11. Adjournment

Joanne will be accepting nominations for President – please email her.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 27 Apr11 at 7:30 p.m.

Film Festival - "Vanishing of the Bees" Lakehead University

Saturday, 16 Apr11 – 10am - 2pm

Friends of the Market

Famer's Market – Memorial Avenue

****Volunteers contact Joanne Henderson****

Saturday, 20 Aug 11- 10am - 2pm

National Day of Honeybee

Farmer's Market – Memorial Avenue

Message from the Acting President

Why was TBBA founded? Because Jeanette Momot and others realized in the mid 80's that a voice was needed for our girls. Beekeeping problems have evolved from Pesticide poisoning and AFB (American Foul Brood) prior to 1984 to Varro Destructor, Tracheal Mite, CCD, IAPV, Nosema Apis & Ceranae, Neonicotinoids, Small Hive beetle and who knows what else is out there?

This Association has evolved from a Grass Roots Organization to an Association that has grown to historical numbers in membership. The TBBA especially needs to serve its members at a time when the bees are struggling world wide and have been put into the forefront of media attention. It is also a time, more than any other time, to inform every citizen as to our mite free status.

When I refer to the TBBA "POLICY" it states that our purpose as an Association is to advance the knowledge and skills of "ALL" members, educate new beekeepers and "Promote" apiculture in Thunder Bay and area.

This is my goal.

I would hope that I can work cohesively together with the Executive, providing our members with an Association that will help meet their needs and be a strong community partner while looking after the health and welfare of our girls!

Happy, Healthy Beekeeping to all.

Barry

Nucs for Sale

Below are names of club members who expect to have nucs, queens for sale this spring and summer:

Dean Harron	glharron@hotmail.com
Jim Heald	jaheald@netscape.net
Jeanette Momot	jeanettemomot@yahoo.ca
Bob Slusar	rwslusar@rsitch.net
Barry Tabor	masya@tbaytel.net

Notice from Treasurer

Dear Beekeeper,

This is your notice to renew your membership for 2011. It is important that we keep an up to date list of all beekeepers in the Thunder Bay area. Please indicate your choice – new membership, renewal, or *not* renew, **on the [membership form](#)** when you fill it out.

You can give or mail Jim a hard copy of your application, email jaheald@netscape.net or phone (473-9623).

Please highlight any changes to your mailing address or e-mail.

Correspondence for Members

From: OBA Tech-Transfer Program obatechtransfer@rogers.com

Subject: Hive Management Software

To:

Received: Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 2:00 PM

Good Day

This is an excerpt from the February Edition of the Ontario Bee Journal regarding Hive Management Software.

Since some of the web addresses were cramped over several lines, and somewhat hard to read, so I wanted to send out the links directly so that you could easily check out the options.

Hive management software can be beneficial for many reasons.

1. Some beekeepers keep track of their colonies by writing on the lids. What if the lids get switched or the wind blows them off? Your records are now ineffective and all that work is lost.
2. Some beekeepers keep papers under the lid of the colony to write updates on. Again, what if the wind blows the lids off and those papers are lost.
3. A field book is great (and something TTP still uses every day) as long as it doesn't catch on fire, get left in the bee yard or end up on the roof of the vehicle (to be lost forever). Why not back up that fieldbook by putting all that data into a program that can organize it all for you?
4. Reports can be generated fairly easily with most management software programs. If a yard develops a disease or is not producing honey, a software program can generate reports for that specific yard (even over several years) to show bee health problems or production inconsistencies. Attempting to look up when you last treated that yard with Fumagilin-B might be difficult down the road.
5. Beekeeping helpers can be given workplans, maps or yard summaries that assist in instructing them what needs to be done in each yard and where those yards are located.
6. Problem colonies are usually flagged by using a rock, a stick, a brick in a unique position or even debris found in the yard. This system works well, but how do you remember to bring queens for the queenless ones, new frames for the colonies that have broken ones, feed for the weak colonies or enough honey supers for all?
7. Dates are easy to forget and even if they get written down, when and where did they get written? Which day did I put those queens in? When am I supposed to take out the treatment? This is when a full month desktop calendar comes in handy, but why not have a program that flags the work that needs to be completed?

So what's out there?

These programs can be downloaded for installation on a laptop that you bring along with you to the yards:

Beeman - <http://www.bcms.eidap.com> **Glen Ackroyd and TTP have been using this program over the past season and are very impressed by it! Request a free trial!**

Buzz - <http://www.dataimagesoftware.net/bee.htm>

BiData - <http://apimo.dk>

Beekeeper - <http://www.chrixon.com/BeeFiles>

BKeeping - <http://www.bkeeping.net>

Apitrack - http://www.apitrack.com/index_en_open.htm

These programs are only available online and would require inputting the information when you can get online:

BeeTight - <http://www.beetight.com>

Hive Tracks - <https://www.hivetracks.com>

MyBeeHives - <http://www.mybeehives.com>

Some are free, while others have free trials you can try before purchasing.

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Ontario Beekeepers' Association

Tech-Transfer Program

<http://techtransfer.ontariobee.com>

(519) 836-3609

IN THE NEWS

Link on the local bee scene received from Acting President Barry Tabor. Although it is not 100% accurate, it does give a good account of the local bee scene, and global problems associated with parasites and disease. I wish would have stressed the "mite free" in opposed to the "disease free" status of our Local bees.

<http://www.tbnewswatch.com/entertainment/Default.aspx?cid=138117>

ATTENDED COMMUNITY EVENTS

Update from Acting President Barry Tabor:

Mondays Beaver talk – 21Mar11 was very well received, Thank you Joanne for the wonderful job as usual!

LU Food forum, 23Mar11 again was very well received. We need to recognize our volunteers Gerry Stricker, Bob Hughdie, Campbell Hudyma and Valerie G.

