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Member Meeting Saturday, Jan 10, 2009 Ham & Bean Supper



****NOTE EARLIER MEETING
START TIME 5:30****

**Bee Building, Fair Grounds
Dinner Time 5:30 PM
Meeting Time 6:30 PM
Details on page 3**

Anne Bouwer; Director - Chris Meehan; Director - Eric Josephson. I would also like to thank our outgoing Officers Jan Galione and Candy Leva, who have done a great job for the last two years as well as Dianne Sellars and Stan Sample as Directors. Great Job everyone. We will be having a BOD meeting January 26th (note this is a change of date from previous announcement). By the way, anyone can attend a BOD meeting, if you are interest.

Looking ahead to next year, there are a lot of opportunities for the club to become active. The Queen Rearing class was a great success last year, but after talking to several other clubs who have done this and they all agree that it requires several years of sustained activity before it takes off. What is needed is a few members to help plan an activity for this year. On another subject, EAS 2009 will be held in Ellicottville, N.Y. which is south of Buffalo. The date is the first week in August. This would make a great bus trip, for the club... perhaps a side trip to Niagara Falls. The club had a trip to Canada a couple of years ago that was a huge success. This sounds like it would be fun, so think about it.

Kathy Sample has agreed to be Fair chairman again this year. Thank you Kathy! I am looking for a couple of people to organize our annual banquet in April. I think we could use a new format, and there have been a few ideas floated around. I

Club Business

Presidents Message

I am writing this in early December, because I will be away in Vermont during the newsletter deadline. So let me wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. Hopefully your bees are all tucked away for the winter. There isn't really much you can do in the months of December and January except plan all the good things you will do next year.

I would like to welcome our new Board of Director members: Phil Watson – Vice Pres; Treasurer - Diane Sellars; Recording Secretary -

need a couple of people to organize it.

Our January meeting will start a half hour earlier to accommodate our speaker. We will have our Ham and Bean dinner at 5:30 and our speaker will start at 6:30 with the business meeting to follow. I think you will enjoy our speaker, Ken Warchol, who is the apiary inspector for Worcester County. See you all next year!

Dave Meldrum

December Meeting

President Dave Meldrum opened the @ PM 7:07 PM

Motion was presented to accept minutes as publish in the last newsletter, it was approved. One correction to the November newsletter regarding the minutes; Eric Josephson’s election as a director during Nov meeting was omitted.

Treasurer’s November report was read by Jan Gaglione. Motion was presented to accept the report as read subject to audit. Bills were read and a motion was presented to pay those listed passed.

Fair Committee – Kathy Sample, new chairperson
Committee wants to place buys for the 2009 fair sooner this year. Notice will be placed in the Jan newsletter. Deadline is will be April.
Premium book changes were submitted. Changes can still be made.
Next committee meeting is Wed Jan 21th

Bee School – Vin Gaglione
Volunteers are still needed for the committee. Diana Sammataro's “The Beekeepers Handbook, Third Edition” will again be used as the text book. Anyone that wants in on the club buy of the book should let a committee members know. 480

people showed interest in bee school during the fair. Optimal class size is 60-65 students.

Vin reviewed the second bee school class (Monday night) option but will not know until after preregistration is complete. Chris Meehan is in charge of preregistration.

Tue Dec 16 is the next meeting - Help is still needed with running the program.
It was suggested that everyone order bees early this year as there is lots of interest.

Candles on the tables at today’s meeting were made by Bella Latinski

Old Business

Grant Committee – Diane Sellars
Nov 17 recommend a \$5k grant to John Brand at UMass for bee research with a suggestion that some of the money be used to educate, i.e. set up a hive at UMass.

Budget –
Approve Budget as published...moved and passed.

New Business

March meeting is member’s meeting – need a few volunteers.

Banquet Committee –
Still need someone to head up this committee and get a jump on the planning and arrangements for this April event. Looking for some new ideas, do you have any??

Mass Bee –
Spring meeting is on Mar 28th at Topsfield, ECBA will be the host. Peter suggests a meet and greet on Friday night before at the bee building. Chris suggests we offer up the building and let Mass Bee do the organizing. Dave will discuss with Dan Conlon.
Help needed March 28 to set up and serve lunch for the afternoon. Let Chris Delaney if you are interested in lending a hand.

Future meetings:

Jan 10 09 meeting – NOTE the meeting start time is a bit earlier, **5:30PM**

Ham & Bean dinner, business meeting will begin at 6:30 to accommodate the speaker. Speaker will talk about local inspectors but cannot solicit for bee inspector for the county and perhaps ECBA could subsidize the position.

Chris Delaney...Ask if the club would donation to Heifer international in honor of Parker E. Gifford, cost is \$300 for 10 hives. Motion to have Treasurer Jan make a payment to Heifer International was approve. Hives would be located in Tanzania and the Ukraine.

Kathy Sample asked that we consider the purchase of a good coffee maker for the club; more info will be presented during the January meeting.

Information will be presented to the club during January’s meeting regarding the purchase of an LCD projector and screen.

Door prize: \$100 plus an ornament
Winner: Roberta Swift
Second place winner of 4 tickets to Peabody Essex Museum: Joan Price

Bella is selling Girl Scout Cookies please help support the troupes in Iraq.

Meeting re-adjourned @ 7:53PM

Meeting Notice: Board of Directors should each bring a Ginger Bread for the January meeting.

Bee School Workshop

Monday, January 5th the Bee School committee will be meeting at 7pm in the beekeeping building. All are welcome to attend and lend a helping hand.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for getting information into the next newsletter will be **January 17, 2008**. Please make submissions to Anne Bouwer by email at: anne.bouwer@gmail.com

Calendar

January 10, 2008

Please note earlier start time

Dinner **5:30 PM**

Member Meeting, **6:30 PM**

Bee Building – Topsfield

Speaker: Ken Warchol,

"Abnormalities in the Beehive"

January 17, 2008

Newsletter Deadline

January 26, 2008

BOD Meeting, 7PM

Note later date

February 14, 2008

Spaghetti Dinner 6:00PM

Member Meeting, 7:00PM

Bee Building – Topsfield

March 14, 2008

Members Choice Dinner 6:00PM

Member Meeting, 7:00PM

Bee Demonstrations

Boxford Garden Club

February 20, 09 10:00 AM

Bee School Committee Minutes

In attendance on Nov. 11th 2008,

Becky and Chris Meehan, Stan Sample, Vinni Gaglione, Brian Glass, Peter Delaney, Chris Murphy.

It was stressed by the committee that we need to ask for more donations from our vendors. If they want to be included in the catalogue hand out then they must donate some items. Chris Murphy elected to handle the vendor solicitations. We are also going to inform the vendors that we may have two classes of bee school this year.

There was a motion to move vendors' night to the 2nd night of class and to move the section on Location of the Bee Yard to the 4th night of class. This will give students more time to find and assemble their hives and equipment. All voted in favor and this will be put before the body at the next meeting.

The committee also has decided to offer 2 registration lines at the first night of class; one for pre-registered students and a second for new registrants.

It was decided that we need to meet on the 5th of January to get the registration mailings out.

Brian Glass

Thank you in advance to the January Clean up Volunteers!

Mary Migneault

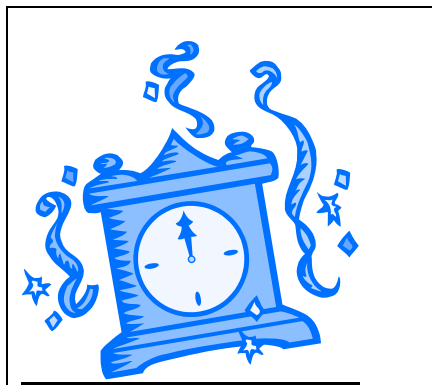
Linda Boylan

Bob & Freda Koralishn

Connie Condon

Mary Connelly

Clean up Volunteers are still needed for the Feb meetings. Please consider lending a helping hand.



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January Meeting Details

Dinner will be served

@ 5:30 PM!

Ham, Beans (hotdogs) & Ginger Bread prepared by the BOD.

Please bring items for the Raffle Table to support the scholarship fund!

Business meeting starts promptly @ 6:30 PM

Speaker: Apiary Inspector for Worcester County, Ken Warchol

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Departing words:

I would like to take a moment to thank all the board members, presidents Peter Delaney, Dave Meldrum and of course Chris Delaney for their guidance and support during the two year term as recording secretary/beeline editor. These past couple of years has been both informative and rewarding and I look forward to supporting this well run club in other capacities in the future. I would encourage all of you to seriously consider holding an office/director/committee member/or chairperson position and be a part of something wonderful. Good luck to all the incoming elected officers and directors as they carry on the clubs mission of educating its members and the public on the value of honeybees.

Candy Leva

Are Chemtrails Killing our Bee's?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4JS_2UbAj0

Mass Bee Irradiation

Mass Bee will be sponsoring another day to do hive irradiation. This is a program where you can submit boxes of woodenware (no honey in the frames please) that will be irradiated with gamma rays capable of killing diseases such as Foul Brood and other pathogens. It is a great way to decontaminate old equipment. Cost will be about \$8.50/bx where a box is 16" x 18" x 9 3/4" The date will be around second week in March. ECBA will need to organize all the people from our club as a set of boxes. More details to follow.

Wanted

At the December monthly meeting there were a lot of delicious recipes, but there were a couple that I would like to have the recipes of. The first one is the potato bake with the hash browns, cheese, and onions. The other recipe is the seafood soup. If the people with those recipes could get them to me at the January meeting or email them to me at 'kblqxc@gmail.com' that would be great. Thank you.

Stephen Sample

Bee School Handbook

The Bee School will be using Diana Sammataro's The Beekeepers Handbook, Third Edition again this year. Any club members wishing to purchase a copy at the clubs price should see one of the Bee School Committee members at or before the January meeting so that we can add your copy to the clubs order.

Thank you note from Phyllis Gifford

The floral bouquet was beautiful, so bee related. Parker would have been very pleased & I know I was. It was nice to see a few bee "faces" at the memorial service celebrating Parker's long life.

Sincerely with love from Phyllis Parker

Bee Joke

What do Honey Bees sit on?

Their Beehind! 

ESSEX COUNTY BEEKEEPERS’ ASSOCIATION HONEY AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

ECBA is now accepting applications for the 2009 Essex County Honey Ambassador. The newly selected Ambassador will be announced at the January ECBA meeting.

Applicants need not be experienced beekeepers but should be familiar with honey bees and honey products. The appointee will serve as public relations spokesperson for ECBA and represent us at many events. Applicants must be comfortable dealing with the public as well as answering questions from curious people of all ages. Many people do not realize the benefits that honey bees provide us with.

The Honey Ambassador will attend the Topsfield Fair in October. He or she will meet beekeepers, local dignitaries, and hundreds of people from Essex County and surrounding areas. He or she will also be expected to ride in the opening day parade.

The opportunity to help promote honeybees and their products, and dealing with the public all contribute to the Ambassador’s experience. Working in the Bee Building at the Topsfield Fair can turn into a very memorable experience.

Anyone, male or female, age 16 or older, who is interested in agriculture, beekeeping, or cooking with honey, is encouraged to apply for this one year position.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School Currently Attending _____

Future Education Plans _____

Hobbies and Interests _____

Occupation _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. If selected to represent the Essex County Beekeepers as Honey Ambassador, will you be willing and able to make appearances throughout the year (January 2009-January 2010) to promote beekeeping at such places as the Topsfield Fair, ECVA Annual Banquet & other events? Please explain.
2. Have you had any experience or exposure to beekeeping? Explain.
3. In what way do you feel that you could be an asset to the ECBA?
4. How did you learn about the Honey Ambassador program?
5. Please feel free to elaborate on any aspect of your life which you feel may be important to our decision making process.

PLEASE ANSWER ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.
Return to: Cynthia Croteau, 10A Rum Hollow, Fremont, NH 03044 (603) 679-1798

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!



Dues for 2009 are due by December 31st. Please renew now to continue your membership and stay on our mailing list. You must renew before the March meeting in order to be eligible to sell product at the Fair.

All renewals received by the **December 13th** member meeting will be entered in a drawing for a free year's dues. Thank you.

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Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc.

2009 Membership Renewal Form

(Please print)

Last name: _____ First name(s): _____

Spouse/Partner name if different from above: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip+4 digit: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____ Please print clearly.

Receive Newsletter by: Email _____ Regular Mail _____

Check only one: Single: _____ Family: _____ Junior: _____ Senior: _____
(\$12) (\$15) (\$1) (Gratis)*

*Age 65 or over and have paid dues for five years.

Please add my name to a list available to the public of persons available to offer educational resources, talk at schools, meetings, etc.

Please add my name to a list available to the public of persons available to assist with swarms.

Yes, I would like to order nametags. I have included \$3.50 for each nametag ordered. Please print the name(s) as you would like it to appear on the nametag.

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bee School | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting set up and/or clean up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ordinate dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Ambassador Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Host summer meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Topsfield Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web site | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo/Video |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

MAIL TO: Membership Secretary,
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Thank you.
I would like to volunteer my time, talent and/or assistance in the following area(s):
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