Dick Crawford – EAS 2009
Divelbiss Award Recipient

It was a true honor for me to get to present our 2009 Divelbiss Award to Dick Crawford from New York. I don’t remember exactly the first time I met Dick, it just seems like he’s always been around EAS. He is a wonderful friend and a perfect volunteer. He does whatever we ask him to do with a smile on his face.

Dick was nominated for this award because of his love of bees and his tireless efforts to interact with and educate the general public about honey bees. Dick works on many public school programs, even dressing up as a honey bee to entertain the kids while educating them. He takes along his observation hive and has a wonderful time.

Dick is also involved in several Farmer’s Markets in New York where he also has his observation hive ready and samples of his delicious honey – always giving the public information about bees and honey.

Dick is always ready to give of his time when it comes to teaching beekeeping and educating the non-beekeepers. And if he’s at EAS you won’t see him often just sitting around. He’s almost always doing some task that we have given him to do.

Thank you Dick for all that you do for EAS and the rest of the world around you. It is a pleasure to have you amongst us and I consider you a true friend.

Kathy Summers
Vice Chairman

Start Planning For 2010

Greetings! Your North Carolina hosts are busy preparing for EAS, August 2010 in Boone. Appalachian State University is ready for ALL of us to come to the Mountains and enjoy our week together. Their conference facilities, their laboratory facilities, their accommodations and their beautiful campus will be perfect for our conference.

Once again “The South” is host to EAS and North Carolina food and culture will be a big part of the entertainment for next year. Barbecue and music are two things that are taken quite seriously here as is, of course, our hospitality. A fun time will be had by all.

On the beekeeping front, we already have a number of prominent (AND interesting) speakers lined up for the short course and the conference.

The theme of this conference is “Back To Basics” and we intend to focus on such topics as bee health, honey production, queens, pollination and maybe a bit about the Africanized Honey Bee. The beeyard and the lab facilities will provide us with a hands-on approach to better beekeeping.

We are thrilled with the responsibility we have been given and all of us look forward to seeing you in August!

Watch the next Journal and www.easternapiculture.org for more details.

Will Hicks, NC
President 2010

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I thoroughly enjoyed EAS 2009 in New York. I didn’t think any conference could compete with Kentucky but Kim Flottum and Bee Culture Magazine did just that—and pulled if off effortlessly. A special thanks goes to Nick Calde-rone for providing the educational pro-
gram and bringing excellent speakers from Cornell University with him.

What are your memories of EAS 2009? For me, swarms come first to mind … fantastic explanations of the decision-making of scout bees to find the most perfect nesting box; Cindy Bee ridding the metropolis of Ellicott-
ville from persistent swarms that con-
tinued to take up residence across the street from the restaurant frequented by our members; and Tom Seeley on the apiary mount, whistling to call his wayward swarm back to its roost. Then, there were the microscopes. We count-
ed nosema spores, dissected bees, and many of us took a microscope home to explore some more. And we cannot forget the vendors; they should be very happy as I know that some of us spent more money than we had intended.

How about them Master Beekeep-
ers? This year they ran the Beginner’s Short Course and the attendees raved about them. I hope Brenda Kiessling and the new leadership in the Master Beekeepers continues this work for future EAS short courses.

Of all the memories, my fondest is watching beekeepers arrive; I at-
tempts to greet everyone. Although during convention week I am running around putting out fires, fixing projectors, publishing the Daily Waggle, and planning for future conferences, what I truly enjoy is talking with each of you. So, if I didn’t get a chance to say hi last year, make a point to talk with me in North Carolina at EAS 2010. Of course, I am easily bribable, so just say, “Jim, want to get something to eat?” and I am there. Or, better yet, “Jim, I have some of this clear stuff in a jar that I just dug up from up on the hillside,” and we can talk for a long while.

The saddest memories are at the end of the banquet when we all must say goodbye for another year. All things must come to an end but the planning for the events for the next year of EAS are already well underway.

By the way, did anyone stay on Saturday to see the next convention that Holiday Valley was hosting? It was a fortune tellers’ convention. I thought maybe someone might have some stayed and gained some insight that they might want to share with the membership.

For most of us backyard or sideline beekeepers, our activities tend to wind down in the Fall. But this year, there is no rest. The bees in my area are re-
maining that they will have a confer-
rence that will put all of our past confer-
ences to shame. I think he told me his slogan was “EAS 2010 – think EAS in Georgia but even better.” or something in that vein.

As always, if any of you have a comment or requests, please let me know. I am eager to hear from you.

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2009 President’s Message

At the end of the day, the real story of EAS 2009 lies in the Treasurer’s report. That’s the measuring stick for EAS each year...did we make enough money to pay the insurance bills, the salaries of our employees, and the down payment for next year, plus cover all the costs for the conference? If we did, we’re lucky again. If we didn’t, we dig deep and eat our seed corn.

My early discussions with John Tulloch seem to suggest that, after paying all the speakers, Holiday Valley, and all the rest, we’ll come up short this year. I can tell you now exactly why...speaker costs. It’s the age old trade off of having a good program, or having a profitable program. Too seldom do the two go hand in hand. Good venues cost money. Good speakers cost money. Good programs cost attendees money...and there’s the crunch. How much are you willing to pay for a three day program?

There are two choices...have attendees pay the full cost for a good program, or find alternative funding. Since almost none of our attendees are supported by their work, a grant, a travel budget, or the government, they pay to attend the meeting out of their pocket. I attend many seminars, meetings and conferences. It isn’t uncommon for the cost for a three day event of the caliber of a typical EAS Conference to cost $1500 for an attendee – six or seven times what we pay now. This obvious conflict remains to be resolved.

One thing that needs to be mentioned here is the role that Dr. Nick Calderone played at Holiday Valley this year. Nick was in charge of the second level short course. If you didn’t attend go back and look at his program. It was spectacular. Good people, good topics, good labs...A first rate job Nick... thanks.

The Master Beekeepers did a stand up job on the Level One Short Course. This was an experiment this year, having our EAS Master Beekeepers do all the lifting for the Level One course. Future Conference planners will evaluate the results to see if it was successful. It certainly seemed so at the meeting this summer.

The Western New York Honey Producers came through with volunteers that were exceptional and a generous cash donation to support our speaker fund. The Empire State Honey Producers also gave a donation to the speaker fund to support the New York meeting.

Finally, the microscopy lab. This was something new we tried. I honestly didn’t think we’d fill one 12 person class, but we managed to fill three, and had a waiting list as long as your arm. Larry Connor had fantastic help from Leslie Huston, who runs BeeCommerce.com, and Donald Trisel, Professor of Biology at Fairmont State University, who was a great asset to the program. Plus, of course, North Carolina’s Don Hopkins, Will Hicks, and Jennifer Keller, three of the best beeyard folks around (and major players in next year’s program). Thanks to all of you. This bodes well for a future course, I believe.

So there you have it...Money, The Short Course and Microscopes – EAS 2009.

Whatever the outcome, it was a good Conference. Thank you to everyone who made it so.

Kim Flottum
2009 President

OBITUARY


Paul was a successful Buckfast queen producer. He was a past president of the Ontario Beekeepers’ Association. In 1992 Paul was the recipient of the EAS Divelbiss Award.

Monty devoted his life to bee research and education leaving behind many friends at the University of Guelph, the Ontario Beekeepers Assoc. and all the beekeepers he crossed paths with. A special thanks to all the friends that kept our spirits up, Dr. Nash and the caring staff at Emmanuel House. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

A celebration of Paul’s life will be held on Sunday November 8th at the Ancaster Old Mill from 2-5 pm.

submitted by Keith Forsyth
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I want to recognize someone who I consider among the best of EAS. That would be Kim Flottum. Most of us know Kim from his editorials in Bee Culture Magazine, author of books, or as a regular at most beekeeper conferences and meetings. This is a public side to Kim. We can like his writing and opinions or not. That is the beauty of living in a free country. However, do you know that Kim is also visionary in his leadership and direction for EAS? His contributions to EAS have been a guiding force to sustaining our association.

Kim is a past chair of the EAS board of directors. He challenged us to review, revise and approve new by-laws. He saw that the model of each state taking a turn hosting an EAS conferences might need some adjustment. The idea that a “business” might have the resources and the talent to host a conference was presented and approved, in a large part, due to Kim’s effort. Ellicottville was an historic event for EAS because it was the first conference hosted by a corporation and held in a state not hosting the meeting. It was not hosted by a state bee association. It was historic because it was hosted by Bee Culture Magazine published by A.I. Root (OH) in Ellicottville, NY. Let freedom ring – state boundaries and host restrictions all fell down. EAS conferences can now be sponsored by businesses, clubs (not necessarily state associations) and the location can be in any state the sponsor decides has an appropriate location (approved by the EAS board). Most of you might be thinking so-what? Well as I started out saying EAS members have a luxury when it comes to EAS conferences. It takes considerable planning, financial forecasting, and connections to bring the best presenters to a conference. Now past models of state hosted conferences are still possible, but we can also include corporate and regional bee associations as future hosts. This is growth and a widening of our scope for future conferences.

So how did things work out? Bee Culture at a resort? I think it was excellent. The location was in the country, the program included all those things we hope to hear about: Russian bees, professional beekeeping, non-chemical approaches, and a true respect for honey bees and responsible management. This was the meeting I envisioned when Massachusetts first sent me as their EAS director.

The other important contribution was made by the EAS Master Beekeepers. They put together the Short Course Level I for new beekeepers. I sat in on several presentations and the depth of experience was apparent from the beginning. These are beekeepers worthy of our respect and support. Yes, there were moments when technology reduced the best of them to waiting for help. However, needing help in the artificial setting of power point, projectors and laptops does not diminish the competency their lifelong study of beekeeping has earned them. Those who volunteered their time and expertise did us a great service. They represent the collective skills that measure a Master Beekeeper’s ability. Beekeeping is more than reading and regurgitating ideas; it is about observing the seasons and learning from years of working with honey bees. This is what gains understanding of the beekeeping world that makes a Master Beekeeper. I applaud them and encourage them to continue to present at future EAS conferences.

Next year EAS will be in Boone, NC. I love the Carolinas and consider NC an enlightened state for beekeeping. They have used tobacco money to train and outfit new beekeepers. It is a state where all natural environments are represented: coastal, flatlands, and mountains making all beekeeping management possible. NC will teach us some new lessons and raise our standards for keeping bees. Make NC next year’s vacation.

As an EAS member, you have it easy. The planning, bill paying and program is not a worry. “No worry - Bee happy”. All you have to do is show up and enjoy the opportunity your membership provides. Showing up supports our future conferences. Hope to see you next year in Boone.

Dan Conlon, Mass Director

Help For The Russian Breeding Program

The weekend after EAS wrapped up this summer, the Ellicottville area experienced one of those 100 year storms. Inches of rain fell in less than an hour. Streams overran their banks and flooded areas that had not seen water in decades. One of those areas was the breeding yard Bob Brachmann used this summer for his Russian Breeding stock, and that we visited and used. Almost all of what was there when you visited vanished downstream...equipment, bees, nucs Bob was to sell this coming spring, and some of the future of the Russian Breeding Program.

Bob will recover from the equipment loss he says, and the nuc sales...well, that puts us a year behind, but we’ll manage. The real tragedy, however, is the stock and the planning and potential to the Russian Program that washed away. That will take time and money to rebuild. If you think the Russian Program worthwhile, I encourage you and your beekeeping organization to consider helping to rebuild this project. It’s not money in Bob’s pocket. It’s an investment in the future of a chemical free beekeeping world.

Send your donations to Bob Brachmann, 7590 Maples Road, Little Valley, NY, 14755, or contact him at foxbrachmann@hotmail.com.

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Kim Flottum
EAS 2009 President
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From The Editor –

Another conference is behind us and we’re already planning for next year. There’s not much down time for those working on the conferences each year. All of us that were involved in the planning of EAS 2009 hope that you enjoyed the week. It was as incredible as all of the other years I’ve been attending.

I just want to say thank you to the incredible speakers that came on board and helped make this Short Course and Conference a success. Our EAS Master Beekeepers ran Short Course Level I and it was a great success. Nick Calde- rone and Kim Flottum organized Short Course Level II and the Conference and did a great job. And I hope you enjoyed the workshops, those were mostly my ideas.

A huge thank you to Bob Brachmann Bob provided the bees for our beeyard and also let us invade one of his Russian Breeder yards. About a week after we left Ellicottville they had a storm like they haven’t had in years and that beeyard of Bob’s that you visited was essentially wiped out.

Bob’s wife Barbara was responsible for the very cool logo that you saw on all of our promotional material and on our EAS 2009 t-shirt. Thank you Bob and Barbara for all of your help.

Merrimack Valley Apiaries and Andy Card also went above and beyond to make our week a success. Andy and his folks organized our Wednesday night pig roast which was a huge success with great food, a good band and good company. Andy then also opened up his facility and his bees to let us sneak around and see how he does what he does. Thank you to Andy, Crystal, Wes and Glenn Card and to Kitty Kiefer from Merrimack Valley Apiaries.

The Microscopy Workshop was a huge success. We scheduled three sessions – two of them involved getting up very early - and filled up all three with more wanting to get in. Larry Connor ran this and the microscopes were donated by The Microscope Store and then sold after the workshops. EAS 2010 is talking about this and deciding if it’s going to be on their program. Watch for details.

From my perspective I had another year of wonderful volunteers to help with whatever tasks I gave them. Each year I have those folks that are there every year and as soon as they arrive, or sometimes even ahead of time, come to me and say “What can I do to help?” You know who you are and I hope you know how much I appreciate all of you. Then there are always the new people - either local or this is their very first EAS - and they end up helping in some volunteer capacity. I won’t name names because I would end up forgetting someone, but thank you, a huge thank you to all of you who help each year. Sometimes I think we forget this is a volunteer organization and we could not survive without you. I encourage all of you who are long time EAS members to volunteer some of your time if you’re not already doing that. It’s easy sometimes to complain and see the negative when you’re not really seeing the whole picture. It will give you a whole new concept of patience and understanding when you see all that goes into planning these week-long conferences. And I guarantee you’ll enjoy yourself and make at least one new friend. This is a message I’ve put out there before, but it’s one of my passions – the world just can’t survive without good, cheerful volunteers. Thanks again to all of you.

On the next two pages are as many photos as I could squeeze in. For those that were there hopefully they’ll bring up a pleasant memory and for those that weren’t there it will make you want to come for sure next year. Enjoy!

We’ve already started working with Will Hicks and his bunch for EAS 2010. It will be a great one as usual. Of course every year there are challenges – it wouldn’t be EAS if we didn’t have those.

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Sympathy

It is with sadness that I must report the passing of one of our Kentucky members, David West. Many of you may remember David from his volunteer work with EAS 2008 at Murray State. David died at his home near Murray from cancer. David was diagnosed this past summer with stage four brain, bone, and lung cancer, and had less developed cancer in other organs. David made the decision to have no formal services after his death, and wished to be cremated and have his ashes spread on his farm. In lieu of flowers, his sons suggested donations to hospice or other pertinent groups. I am sure everyone that knew David will miss him greatly, but will never forget his personality.

submitted by Toni Downs
KY EAS Director

Fall, 2009
Celebrating Honey Bee Science with L.L. Langstroth’s 200th Birthday

Two hundred years after his birth in 1810, Rev. Lorenzo Lorraine Langstroth, known as the “Father of American Beekeeping,” will be honored. Langstroth’s discovery of “bee space” and his invention of the movable-frame beehive will be celebrated with a national network of exhibits, workshops and seminars and, with your help, perhaps a commemorative U.S. postage stamp as well.

Langstroth started with "two stocks of bees in common box hives" while serving as a minister in Andover MA. in the 1830s. Before long he was studying beekeeping in depth. He observed his bees and sought to understand their ways in order to build hive boxes which would allow him to better combat the destructive wax moths and collect surplus honey without harming the bees or damaging their wonderful honey comb.

This is the essence of the scientific method. Those who might think that Langstroth was an unlikely scientist would be misunderstanding the role of science in our lives. The scientific method involves experiencing the world in which we live, responding to the curiosity that naturally resides inside us, devising a method of observing and recording, testing and confirming our expectations, and evaluating the results we achieve. It is available and important to each and every one of us, just as it was to Langstroth.

Langstroth’s efforts gave us a way to raise large quantities of bees, keep them healthy and collect their honey in a truly sustainable way, without destroying their home. We all owe him thanks and, the year 2010, his 200th birthday year is a great time for people across the country to celebrate him in ways that benefit us all.

Our effort to honor Langstroth will include the study and appreciation of his efforts and what they have yielded. Throughout the year 2010, the Down to Earth Program, which I direct for the non-profit Science Friday Initiative (SFI), will be developing and coordinating a national network of workshops, exhibits and gatherings to teach and learn about the considerable science connected with the honey bee. Please visit the Down to Earth section of the SFI Web site for details. (www.scifri.org/dte)

But there’s something we need to do right NOW. We must convince the U.S. Postal Service that America deserves a commemorative postage stamp created in honor of this outstanding under-appreciated American. It is my hope that the beekeeping community, anyone who enjoys honey, and everyone who appreciates the foods we eat which depend on the honey bee, will write a letter encouraging the U.S. Postal Service to honor Langstroth in this way at this special time.

I believe that a flood of letters will help to convince the Postal Service how important Langstroth is to all of us. The U.S. Postal Service Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee will be considering a Langstroth stamp at their January 2010 meeting, so please send them a letter, today. Get everyone you know on board the postage stamp campaign, and have them enlist their friends.

We will also be preparing a mass petition. Please send an email to me at LLL200@scifri.org and include your Zip Code so that we may show the geographic breadth of this support. This is also a great way to coordinate celebrations in your community with ours.

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Celebrate the Honeybee
Powder Sugaring Bees?

Using powdered sugar for Varroa mite control has been recommended as an IPM tool – to knock mites off workers to help monitor mite levels and as a means of controlling mite buildup in the colonies themselves. Monitoring mite numbers with powdered sugar is relatively easy and a helpful method (see tutorial on MAAREC.psu.edu web site) but a new study suggests using powdered sugar to control mites might not be providing the perceived benefit – regular powder sugaring of bees for nearly a year did not reduce overall mite numbers.

In nine years of surveying backyard beekeepers in the mid-Atlantic states, I found only a small number - about 10% of beekeepers – using powdered sugar for mite control; over 50% of beekeepers who indicated they were monitoring mite levels, use the powdered sugar roll to determine mite levels. In a recent survey of 100 Oregon backyarders (who filled out a survey form during April Local Association meetings), 65% of the 43 beekeepers who had no over-winter losses indicated they used powdered sugar as a control scheme in contrast to 38.5% of 57 beekeepers who did have winter loss. FOR COMPARISON: Total loss rates in 2009 were similar – 25.8% in OR and 24% in DE/MD (but number of beekeepers responding to MD/DE survey was only 1/3 that of Oregon.)

An extensive study conducted in Florida by Amanda & James Ellis (U Fl) with Gerry Hayes of FL Dept Apiary Inspection compared mite numbers, adult bee numbers and brood area of colonies treated with powdered sugar for mite control to untreated controls. Colonies were dusted every other week for 11 months with 120g of powdered sugar. The study found no differences in adult bee populations or amount of brood between treated and control colonies but also no differences between numbers of mites, numbers of mites prorated to adult bee numbers and no differences in mite numbers per capped brood cells in treated vs untreated colonies.

While, there was significant initial (24h) mite drop following dusting, no overall reduction in mite numbers was measured in this study. Their conclusion: “Dusting colonies with powdered sugar did not significantly affect colony strength or mite populations …we did not find this method of dusting colonies with powdered sugar to effectively control Varroa mites.”

Whether a different method of applying the powdered sugar, such as the newly available powder sugar dust (a converted pesticide applicator from China), would modify the conditions sufficiently to improve overall mite control is unknown. Also untested is whether powdered sugar to reduce mite numbers before mite buildup in the spring, in combination with other mite control measures during the season (such as screen bottom boards, drone brood removal and/or brood interruption) satisfactorily control mites. Bees in a different climate might also respond differently. The study does suggest that individuals need to continue to monitor for mite number and assess effectiveness of mite controls – powdered sugar remains a confirmed method to obtain an “estimate” of total mite load.

Read these results and parameters of this study in 2009 Jour Apic. Res & Bee World: Vol 48(#1), page 72-76. (there is a charge to get the entire article)

By Dewey M. Caron, UD retired- OSU Affiliate faculty

ABF MEETS IN ORLANDO IN 2010

Conference to Focus on "Keeping the Hive Alive"

The 2010 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow, which will be hosted in sunny Orlando, FL, January 12-16, will be an event-filled week for beekeepers. From the opening reception on Tuesday evening to the Annual ABF Banquet on Saturday evening, beekeepers will have unique opportunities to learn about the latest developments, experience the newest products, make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

The conference will be hosted by the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF), in cooperation with other industry-related organizations, including the Canadian Honey Council (CHC), the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA), the American Association of Professional Apiculturists (AAPA), the American Bee Research Conference (ABRC) and the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA).

The conference committee has been hard at work developing an agenda that answers the questions you’ve been asking. Several industry leaders have been invited to share their knowledge and practical experience during the conference and the response has been phenomenal. Industry experts, such as Jay Evans, USDA-ARS Bee Research Lab; Lanie Bourgeois, Baton Rouge Bee Lab; Marla Spivak, University of MN; David DeJong, University of Sao Paulo; Bruce Boynton, National Honey Board and Clint Walker, National Honey Bee Advisory Board, will join together to provide up-to-date information on topics imperative to beekeepers at all levels.

The conference starts Tuesday evening with a Welcome Reception. The General Session begins Wednesday morning with a President’s Address from both Zac Browning, ABF president, and Corey Bacon, CHC president.

The expanded tradeshow opens Wednesday afternoon with anticipated participation from more than 35 exhibitors. Additionally, all attendees are welcome to join in with one of the Shared Interest Groups, which will meet on Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday morning features several
concurrent programs. The ABF Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast is open to anyone who would like to attend. Additionally, the Serious Sideliner Symposium Day 1 will begin with discussion pertaining to “Regional Queen Rearing from Survivor Stock.”

The optional off-site social activity will be held Thursday evening and will feature the Sleuth Mystery Dinner Show just for conference attendees (separate registration is required). The Sleuth Mystery Dinner Show is like a living game of “Clue,” where participants become the detectives and help solve the crime. Participants will enjoy unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks with dinner while they participate in this comedy-filled, crime solving show.

General Session will begin again on Friday morning and continue until approximately 4:30 p.m. Day 2 of the Serious Sideliner Symposium will also be held on Friday with discussions pertaining to “Honey Bee Management and Biology – Level 2.” Attendees will also have the chance to visit with exhibitors in the tradeshow, which will remain open all day on Friday.

Interactive workshops are slated for Saturday morning. These workshops are still in development and details will be posted on the ABF conference Web site soon. The tradeshow will be open until Noon to give attendees one last opportunity to visit with exhibitors. The ABF Business Meeting will be held Saturday afternoon and is open to all ABF members. The conference concludes with the Annual ABF Banquet and Silent Auction (separate registration is required).

The Wyndham Orlando Resort is the host of the 2010 conference. The Wyndham is a self-contained tropical paradise in the middle of all the excitement of Orlando’s International Drive. Within walking distance, attendees will easily find great places to dine, shop and play! The ABF group rate is $119 with a reservation deadline of Dec. 11. Visit wyndhamorlandoresort.com or call 800.421.8001.

Registration rates and online registration are available on the ABF Web site at abfnet.org. Register now and take advantage of the advanced registration rates, which will be honored through Dec. 31. Be sure to check the Web site often for updates. For conference registration assistance or additional information, contact the ABF at 404.760.2875 or e-mail info@abfnet.org.
# Honey Containers

**Make the Sale!**

## Queenline Glass Honey Jars

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* Lid Style White plastic (glass not shipped by UPS)

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**Check out our catalog for other types and sizes of quality honey containers!**

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**Inverted Plastic Jar With Hexagon Pattern**

Inverted Plastic Honey Jar with Hexagon Pattern with 38mm Snap Caps

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Container with plastic lids (43 mm)

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EAS SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 4, 2009
Holliday Valley, Ellicottville, NY

Call to order: Chairman, Jim Bobb called the 54th Summer Meeting of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to order at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2009.

Roll Call: In order for a director to be able to vote their State/Provincial dues need to be paid. New York has not paid yet.

A motion was made by Gerry Fitzgerald and seconded by David Peregnom to accept the following proxy directors: James Blasko, PA filling in for Warren Miller; Erin Forbes filling in for Carol Cottrill. All voted in favor of the motion.

Present: Jim Bobb, PA; Kim Flottum, OH; Kathy Summers, OH; Loretta Surprenant, NY; John Tulloch, DE; Will Hicks, NC; David Peregnom, NJ; Aaron Morris, NY; Dan Conlon, MA; Gerry Fitzgerald, WV; Joe Kovaleski, OH; John Baker, CT; James Blasko, PA filling in for Warren Miller; Dave Tarpy, NC; Ed Lafferty, RI; Erin Forbes filling in for Carol Cottrill, ME; Steve Genta, SC; Billy Davis, VA, Kent Williams, KY.

Director's Absent: David Morris, MD; Robert Brewer, GA; Jim Carmack, AL; Jim Garrison, TN; Toni Downs, KY; Warren Seaver, DE; Keith Forsyth, ONT; and Barry Thompson, MB. Barry had been asked by President Kim to host the Speaker Question and Answer Session that was held concomitantly with the business meeting.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Aaron Morris and seconded by Kim Flottum that the minutes be accepted with a typo correction. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report: The Society's Balance Sheet, and the Profit and Loss plus a Budget Overview as of July 23, 2009 were electronically transmitted to all Board members prior to the Board meeting. These reports are annexes to these minutes. The Balance Sheet showed Assets in balance with Equity plus Liabilities; and the Profit and Loss Budget Overview showed a present loss of -$1,798. The Treasurer asked if there were any questions concerning the financial reports that had been submitted electronically. No questions were posed.

The Treasurer briefly described changes to the EAS's day-to-day banking. The PNC bank has been replaced by the Regions bank for day to day banking. Replacing the PNC bank also required obtaining a different credit card agency and Intuit Payment Solutions was selected. The new credit card agency is compatible with the Intuit software used by EAS for keeping its financial records.

At the spring Board meeting the Board authorized the Treasurer to invest $20,000 with the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF). That has been accomplished. The money has been invested in two funds; the EAS Honey Bee Research Fund and the EAS Endowment Fund. The initial investment for both funds was $10,000.

The Treasurer will be working on a plan to transfer additional money to these funds.

The EAS Treasurer will in the future be mailing dues invoices to state and provincial treasurers with copies going to their respective directors. Hopefully this will avoid situations where a director attends a Board meeting but the parent organization has not complied with its dues obligation.

The Treasurer asked what should be the policy on how and when does EAS spend money that has been set aside for the speakers and the master beekeepers. A motion was made by John Baker and seconded by Kim Flottum that the money be made available to the current President to use for this year's program unless the President does not see a need for its uses. If not used in the year when it was received it will be carried over to the following year. All voted in favor of the motion.

Delaware Community Foundation: EAS will invest $20,000 in the Traditional Account with the Delaware Community Foundation. $10,000 will be taken from the HBR and $10,000 from the operating fund with profits and losses rolled back into each account.

Aaron Morris stated that the minutes reflected that $10,000 be taken from the general operating fund instead of the Life Membership Funds. Discussion took place on the use of the wording being the general fund instead of the Life Membership Fund. A motion was made by Aaron Morris and seconded by John Baker to rename the general fund to the Life Membership Fund and Honey Bee Research Fund. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted to disregard the above motion making the previous motion fail. All voted in favor of the motion.

Speaker Fund: Jim Bobb will write a letter of thanks to the Empire State Honey Producers for their donation to the Speakers fund which helped to fund Tom Sealey. Jim will explain what the Speaker Funds was.

Past President's Report EAS 2008: Kent Williams stated it was a great conference in every aspect and was looking forward to EAS coming back to KY. All were appreciative of KY's effort for a great conference.

President's Report EAS 2009 NY: Held at the Holiday Valley Conference Center in Ellicottville, NY August 3-9, 2009. This is the first Corporate Sponsored EAS Meeting by A.I. Root Company. Conference registration is approximately 400. Short Course had 120 participants. A tour of Bob Brachmann's Queen Breeding and Andy Card's Honey House will be part of the activities. There will be a Pig Roast & BBQ, Annual Banquet and an auction. A microscopy workshop as well as other workshops are filling up fast. We have 57 speakers with 120 exhibits and workshops, etc. Some sessions are off-site and transportation will be needed. The "Waggle" will be published again this year.

Chairman's Report: Jim Bobb reported on the following:

Speaker & Education Fund Update
We offered the option to donate to both Honey Bee Research and the Speaker and Education Fund on the conference application form and the membership renewal forms.

The Speaker Fund money will be made available to the current President to use for this year's program unless the President does not see a need for it and can roll it over for another year.

Education & Outreach Committee Proposal to assess & document the education resources currently available to state/organizations has been received by several states but the information has not yet been compiled.

Change of Agenda:
A motion was made by Kim Flottum and seconded by David Peregnom to amend the agenda to accommodate Aaron Morris who had to leave early. All voted in favor of the motion.

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Life Membership: Aaron Morris reported 23 new Life Members. Aaron stated that he did not want to use Life Member money for the Endowment.

Webpage: Aaron Morris reported it was slow to change and was not updated much. Billy Davis asked why Short Course Level 2 has such good coverage and Short Course Level 1 did not. It was explained that Level 2 short course speaker information was submitted early and Level 1 was not. It is everyone’s responsibility to look over the website and to submit timely information to keep it current.

Resolutions: Aaron Morris stated that they were still needed.

Sites:
EAS 2010: Will Hicks and David Tarpy reported that EAS 2010 will be held at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. August 2-6, 2010. The site inspection has been done. There are some parking issues and the University is concerned about having bees on the premises but this has been worked out. Promotional CDs are now available as well as the High Country brochures. There are plenty of meeting rooms and the dorms are within walking distance.

EAS 2011: Ed Lafferty and Everett Zurlinden, RI gave their report. The official invitation has been received from Rhode Island. A motion was made by Kim Flottum and seconded by Dan Conlon to accept RI’s invitation pending site inspection. All voted in favor of the motion.

EAS 2012 and beyond: Possible exploratory sites: VT, Ontario, VA. We need to contact Ann Harman to see if the 2012 VA site will take place.

Committees:
Editorial Report: Kathy Summers reported that the electronic Journal was going well. The deadline for the Journal is September 15th.

Membership: Dan Conlon reported that we all need to promote the Conferences. Our goals should be to try to bring in different kinds of members. We need to try to get more Corporate sponsorships.

Brochures: We broke even on the brochures. The EAS’09 brochure seemed to do better for us.

Renewals: The solicitation letter will be sent out after the conference and around the first of the year.

Corporate Membership: Dan Conlon stated this should be addressed at the Fall Board Meeting.

Master Beekeepers: Barry Thompson was attending another meeting therefore no report was given. A written report will be submitted.

Awards: The Student Award: Dr. Reed Johnson, University of IL; J.J. Hambleton: None this year; Roger A. Morse/Weiss Teaching, Extension and Regulatory Award: Dr. William Michael Hood, Clemson University; Divelbiss Award: a secret until the Banquet. Note: winner is Richard Crawford, NY.

Foundation for Honey Bee Research: Committee: Dave Tarp, Jennifer Berry and Jim Bobb. Dave Tarpy reported that the winners of the $5000 HB Research Award went to: Galen Dively, Miker Embrey and Terry Patton (UMD). Assessment of Potential Exposure Risks to Honey Bees from Neonicotinoid Insecticide Used on Cucurbit Crops.

A motion was made by Dan Conlon and seconded by Dave Peregrin to offer a $5000 HBR award at EAS 2010. All voted in favor of the motion.

Historian: The Historian report is due at EAS’09 NY and will be presented at the Business meeting.

Nominations: An official letter must be submitted from each state nominating their candidate for director to the EAS board.

The following nominations were submitted: President 2010: Will Hicks, NC; Director Nominations: GA: Jennifer Berry; OH: Joe Kovalesski; PA: James Blasko; SC: Steve Genta; VA: Billy Davis; VT: Bill Mares

Vacant states:
NH, MS, WI, LA, IL, IN, MI, FL.

Vacant Provinces: Ontario, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, PEI.

A motion was made by Aaron Morris and seconded by Steve Genta to accept the above slate of officers and directors. All voted in favor of the motion.

Nomination Committee Chairperson

EAS needs a chair for the Nomination Committee and the written responsibilities of this position are available. If you are interested, Loretta Surprenant can provide the expectations for the committee.

Old Business:
Conference Call/Teleconferencing: EAS used a Conference call coordinator for the Spring Board of Director’s meeting. The cost was around $600 which was close to what EAS would have to pay if the directors went to the site. The participants on the conference call said it was better than at the October meeting. It was hard to hear when everyone was talking at once and if a person was soft spoken. Billy Davis stated that he was not able to get on. A Conference Call will be set up for the October Board meeting.

Young Beekeeper’s Award: The Board asked Billy Davis to come up with guidelines for this award and to have a proposal ready for the Fall Board meeting. Bill Mares will work with Billy Davis on this committee.

New Business:
Sound System: Billy Davis suggested that EAS get their own sound system. The Board thought that was not a good idea because many locations only allow their own system to be used at their site. It was suggested that a preview room be made available to be sure that all systems are compatible.

State Sponsored EAS Board Reports: Jim Bobb canvassed the board to see how many states sponsored their EAS board representatives. He encouraged the board to ask for help from their State Associations.

Next Board of Director’s Meeting:
Boone, NC October 31, 2010.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dave Peregrin and seconded by John Baker to adjourn at 8:00 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by:
Loretta M. Surprenant,
EAS Secretary
From The Colonies

EAS belongs to most of our region’s State Associations in order to keep up with what’s going on in the Colonies. If we don’t yet belong to your Association, contact Loretta so we can sign up. And, send your newsletter to our Editor so we can keep up.

November 21, 2009 the 4th Annual Southern New England Beekeepers Assembly will be at the Unitarian Society of New Haven in Hamden, CT. This is an all day event; lunch will be available and vendors will be present. It is co-sponsored by the Wicwas Press and the CT Beekeepers Association.

The theme is “Back to Basics” and the prominent speakers will be Randy Oliver, the Varroa guru, Dave Mendes, a commercial beekeeper and Larry Connor the traveling beekeeper.

It will be a great meeting. For more information, visit www.sneba.com

The Indiana Beekeepers’ Association (IBA) will hold its Indiana Bee School VII in Indianapolis, Saturday, February 27, 2010. It will be at the Southport Presbyterian Church, 7525 McFarland Blvd.

Kirk Webster from Vermont and David Tarpy from NC State University will be speakers. On-site registration starts at 8:00 a.m., program starting at 9:00 running until 3:30 p.m. The fee is $30/person or $40/family (lunch included).

For more information contact Steve Doty, 317.485.5593 or visit www.indianabeekeeper.goshen.edu.

Honey Bee Expo, January 30, 2010 at the West Virginia University in Parkersburg, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Register by January 11 and fee is $15, $20 at the door.

This is an education day with different classes relating to the honey bee.

To register and for a complete schedule contact Teresa, 304.375.4919.

The Tri-County Workshop, Wooster, Ohio, March 5 & 6, 2010 at OARC. This is the largest beekeeping workshop in the United States.

The theme this year is Modern Beekeeping – New Ways of Doing Old Things. Dewey Caron will be the keynote speaker. Pre-registration is $35/person and $45 at the door. A hot lunch or box lunch is offered if you sign up in advance.

There is a Friday night session with Jim Tew speaking on Good Bees In Bad Places and Kathy Summers speaking on Bee Culture Through The Years.

For information contact Sherry Ferrell, ferrell.6@osu.edu or 330.263.3684.
EAS Membership, Association and Life Member Dues Payment/Address Correction Form
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