Greetings,

By almost any standard, the 2010 meeting in Boone was a success. The only real complaint was about the hills in the area, and despite the work of numerous volunteers, millions of years of geology just couldn’t be erased. Perhaps Rhode Island will have better luck.

The one standard of success in which most of the board might be interested, unfortunately, is not yet available, and that is whether or not the meeting made more money than it spent. There are bills and (I think) grant money that are still coming in and these should be received and paid in the next few weeks. There is still money in my EAS checking account that I am using to pay some of the final bills and I will give a full accounting of all of the funds I received and spent.

I would like to thank everyone on the board for their fantastic support of this meeting. All of us in North Carolina had a ball hosting our meeting and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so.

I am sure the Rhode Island meeting will be a great success, and I am available to any of them for any help they may need.

Thanks, everyone,

Will Hicks
Past President, EAS

Hello from Rhode Island! The EAS Board Meeting was held October 16th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and everyone agreed that this beautiful facility will be perfect for EAS. They are especially known for their great meals.

Everything is on one floor and there is parking for over 700 vehicles. This year the beeyard is located immediately outside the building. I believe this is the best example of a beeyard that I’ve seen. We have a list of speakers that you will be very surprised with. The vendor area is wide open with plenty of room and extremely accessible.

If you have a camper, you are welcome to use the grounds but only primitive camping is allowed. If you intend to take a break from the conference, there is deep sea fishing or you can take a look at how the rich lived on a Newport Mansion tour or simply spend a day at the beach. There is something for everyone here in Rhode Island. Transportation to the site is very convenient. We have a shuttle from the airport only a couple of miles away and easy access from Interstate 95.

Looking forward to seeing old and new friends July 25th-29th, 2011 in Rhode Island.

Ed Lafferty
RI Director

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Fellow beekeepers,

November is around the corner and so is the end of the first decade of the 21st century. Many children born now will easily see the year 2100 and the 22nd century. Time and the seasons march along quickly; I am always wishing that I had just a little more time to catch up . . .

EAS 2010 North Carolina

The North Carolina EAS Short Course and Conference is behind us now and all I can say is WOW, what a fantastic meeting. We have Will Hicks to thank for providing the beautiful venue and David Tarpy for the lineup of speakers. The bar has been set quite high for the Rhode Island Conference in 2011. As of today, we still have not received a final bill from ASU—once we do receive the bill, I will share that information with you. At first glance, it does look like the conference did stay within budget and had a banner attendance, so I expect the conference to be a financial as well as an educational success.

EAS 2011 Rhode Island

The board met last weekend at the Crowne Plaza near Providence, Rhode Island. Everything next year will be contained within the hotel grounds footprint and there are no stairs or hills to climb. There is plenty of free parking adjacent to the convention center entrance. The vendors will be located in a windowed vestibule that surrounds the conference center. The beeyard is located in a grassy area beside the parking lot and conference center. The Thursday and Friday night dinners will be in an air-conditioned tent adjacent to the hotel. Kim Flottum gave us a teaser of some of the speakers for next year. It looks like our EAS patron Dewey Caron will join us next year; it will be good to see him back.

Where to stay in Rhode Island

We are striving to keep our registration costs low so that more beekeepers can attend. Next year, the cost of meeting rooms will be waived if we meet our minimum quota of hotel rooms. So, I encourage you to first consider staying at the Crowne Plaza before checking out the many other hotels in the area. There are plenty of campgrounds nearby – but I was told that they book up fast. So, if you plan to camp, make your reservations early. The Crowne Plaza has several spots for mobile home parking however there may not be electrical or water hookup.

How to get to Rhode Island

I have travelled to Rhode Island now three or four times doing site visits and preparing for the conference. I have found Amtrak to be reasonable. The cost was $60.00 each way from Philadelphia but it does take a long time for the train to go through Connecticut—seems that there are a lot of stops in that state. By next year, there will be an Amtrak stop at the Providence airport. If you choose to fly, the nearest airport is Providence T.F. Green Airport. The hotel offers free shuttle service to and from the airport, as well as other hotels, restaurants, and shops in the area. If you are driving, the hotel is located just 1000’ from the I-295/I-95 merger south of Providence.

Dates for EAS 2010 Rhode Island

Next year EAS will be held one week earlier than normal. So save the dates July 25-29, 2011.

EAS 2010 Vermont

Vice President Bill Mares is already well into the planning stages for EAS 2010 in Vermont. We are planning a site visit to Burlington, Vermont in January. The dates for Vermont are later than usual. So save these dates also, August 13-17, 2012.

2013 and Beyond

New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia are searching for sites for future EAS Conferences. If your state would like to host the conference, let me know and we can start the process moving forward.
Fund-raising opportunities

The EAS Honey Bee Research Fund has not kept pace with our grant proposals. Each year we have awarded a $5,000 grant for research. If you or your local or state organization has a few extra funds, why not consider donating to the Honey Bee Research Fund. EAS is a non-profit organization and the donations may be tax deductible, check with your tax accountant. Mail a check to our treasurer and ask that it be applied to the Honey Bee Research Fund (or the Speaker and Education Fund). I donate the stipends for many of my speaking engagements to these funds—why not consider a donation this year? We are planning to kick off a formal campaign (with the goal of a thermometer, etc.) next year—but you don’t have to wait, feel free to donate today.

Nominations open for Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman

Both our secretary and our treasurer have announced that they will not be running for reelection when their terms expire. If you are interested or know someone that is interested, please let me know. Both Loretta and John have been a stabilizing force in our organization. In addition to keeping the minutes and correspondence, Loretta has quietly nudged me to keep me on track and remind me of tasks that I need to do as Chairman. John has expanded the treasurer’s job to keep track of memberships, conference registration, and the finances of the organization. Over the next year or two, we will analyze the roll of treasurer and perhaps break the tasks into two or three jobs. John has agreed to stay on to work with the new treasurer until that person is comfortable with the task.

It has been almost four years since my election and my first term as chairman is almost up. If it is the desire of the membership, I will run for another four-year term. However, if any member is interested in the chairmanship, please give the nomination to our secretary, Loretta. You can also ask me questions. My dedication is to the organization and I know that we have many fine members that can lead this organization. (Each chairman may run for two four-year terms.)

How about them bees?

Colder weather (at least at night) is here in Pennsylvania. Definitely time to make sure that mouse guards are in place. In the mid-Atlantic region there is still time to feed bees heavy sugar syrup if some of your hives are light. It is also time to combine weak hives. For years I spent money and time nursing a few weak hives through the winter only to see them die in late March. Take your losses now. Try to combine a weak hive with a strong hive – seems that combining two weak hives yields one weak hive and not the strong hive that you might have expected.

Collecting pine needles

Did you know that conifers and pine trees lose their needles in the autumn, just like deciduous trees? Not all needles fall, but the older needles will drop in the autumn. If you use pine needles for smoker fuel, now is the best time to collect several garbage bags full. Yesterday, I raked up four bags of needles that had fallen on the road in front of my house.

Beeswax art

Some of you have asked what keeps me busy when I am not writing these articles. One project is beeswax art. My friend, Hilary Berseth, and I have been creating beeswax art sculptures for several years. He is the artist and creative genius behind the endeavor and I provide the bees and manage the development of the sculpture. Hilary starts with pieces of wax foundation and creates a starting pattern. Sometimes he cuts the foundation into a deck of cards and stacks them at 90° angles. Other times he makes foundation cylinders and other forms. These are placed into a large box, usually a 3’ cube. Often the box has only a few small openings and the inside shape of the box might be a cone, pyramid, or cube. I install about six pounds of bees and a queen inside the box, feed the bees sugar syrup, and the bees decide hold to build the new comb. When the void is filled with wax, I drive the bees from the structure, deep freeze the wax, and prepare it for exhibition. Hilary has a gallery opening in the NYC East Village every year. The last creation just sold last week. (See picture of the most recent beeswax sculpture.)

On a personal note, I am getting ready for winter myself. I have just put a new wood-burning insert in my fireplace and hope that will take the chill off the house this winter. My grandfather placed the first insert around 1969 but I recently realized that at that time there was no chimney liner. Now, I have a very efficient insert and a lined chimney, so next time I write to you, think of me with my feet propped up in front of a toasty fire.

Stay warm this winter, my beekeeping friends,

As always . . . drop me a line if the desire strikes you,

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Please contact me with comments, suggestions, corrections, things you’d like to see in your Journal.
Hi all! I hope you are enjoying your fall and getting ready for winter. Our bees were in pretty good shape when we put them to bed for the season. I hope all of your are too.

Well, another year gone and time to wrap it up and start thinking about the next one. I had a great time in Boone and I hope all who attended did too. We had an excellent line-up of speakers, as usual and the weather was beautiful. And despite the walking up hill it was a great week filled with lots of good beekeeping.

I personally want to thank Will Hicks for he did as President. From my perspective as Vice Chairman he was a joy to work with for the last couple of years. Will, along with Dave Tarpy and Don Hopkins and a host of wonderful NC folks, did a great job for us. The number of local beekeepers that volunteered was amazing. As always I came away with several new friends.

We will be in Rhode Island for EAS 2011. It has been many years since we’ve been there. We will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Providence. Flying to EAS 2011 is very easy. We flew to Providence for our board meeting and took the shuttle from the airport to the hotel. It was probably 15 minutes total from the time we requested the shuttle to the moment we were standing in the lobby. When you arrive at the airport you need to go to the courtesy desk in the baggage area and they will call Crowne Plaza for you and it is just about five minutes away.

Kim Flottum is working on the Short Course and Program speakers and has some great ones already lined up. Our 2011 President Everett Zurlinden has been working hard on the local aspect of the conference. With the help of the EAS Board and his Rhode Island volunteers we hope to offer you a great conference with a local flair. Our Chairman Jim Bobb and I are putting together the workshop schedule and we hope to feature several local people there.

The hotel is very comfortable and the food was great. However, since we are at a hotel and conference center it will be a little pricier than last year. We are all doing our best to keep the costs down. But when you are planning keep in mind you won’t be sleeping in a dorm and you won’t be eating college cafeteria food.

To make your room reservations please contact Crowne Plaza directly at 401.732.6000 or 877.227.6963 or visit www.crowneplaza.com.

Hope to see you all there.

As for the business of EAS you saw from the Chairman’s article we are in need of a new secretary and a new treasurer. Loretta Surprenant has been the secretary every since I’ve been involved with EAS. I think she has held that position for over 20 years. Loretta has been a joy to work with and we will miss her terribly. But that’s a long time to hold any position and we understand her desire to move on. Thank you Loretta for all of your hard work. If you think you might like to take on this position please contact myself or Jim Bobb and we can talk about the responsibilities of the Secretary’s position.

I’d also like to thank John Tulloch for all of his years of looking after our finances. John has taken on this challenge and turned EAS around financially. And it has not been an easy task. Each year we (myself, the president, EAS) challenge John and tend to make his life difficult. But he rises to the occasion and sees through - doing his best to keep the budget under control.

I have truly enjoyed being the Vice Chairman these last few years. It is a joy to work with the local people each year and try and give you the best conference we can. As Jim Bobb mentioned in his article his first term is just about up. I look forward to serving another four years with him, but if you have a yearning to be Chairman of this wonderful organization now is the time to speak up. The election process will take place next year. Or maybe you’d like to think about looking forward and running for Chairman when Jim is done with his second term. Based on our constitution and bylaws a Chairman can only serve two terms so someone is going to have to step forward in a few years to keep EAS running smoothly. If you are interested and would like to know more about what the responsibilities of the Chairman and Vice Chairman are please get in touch with Jim or myself. We would be glad to spend time with you giving you all of those details.

Now, I’d like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. And a safe and warm winter. We’ll see you all next year.

Happy Holidays!

Kathy Summers, Editor
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The 2010 Annual Show had 105 entries by 41 attendees. We want to thank Bob Cole and Ann Harman and all of the judges and monitors that volunteered to help. The Show takes a good bit of time with set-up, taking entries and then the judging process. Again our heartfelt thanks to those who helped and congratulations to our winners listed below.

**Light Honey**
1st - Jim Gross, MA  
2nd - Virginia Webb, GA  
3rd - Cindy Hodges, GA

**Light Amber**
1st - David Bridges, NC  
2nd - Lewis Candle, NC  
3rd - Erin MacGregor-Forbes, ME

**Amber**
1st - Virginia Webb, GA  
2nd - Karen Sousa, NC  
3rd - Jennifer Berry, GA

**Dark**
1st - David Israel, ME  
2nd - Karen Sousa, NC  
3rd - Larry Green, NC

**Cut-Comb**
1st - Virginia Webb, GA

**Creamed Honey**
1st - Linda Tillman, GA  
2nd - Anne Frey, NY

**Chunk Honey**
1st - Virginia Webb, GA  
2nd - Karen Sousa, NC

**Frame**
2nd - Erin MacGregor-Forbes, ME  
3rd - Virginia Webb, GA

**Mead, Dry**
1st - Paul Dill, DE  
2nd - Shane Gebauer, NC  
3rd - John Hodges, GA

**Mead, Sweet**
1st - John Hodges, GA  
3rd - Paul Dill, DE

**Beeswax, Single Piece**
1st - Cindy Hodges, GA

**Beeswax, Dipped Tapers**
2nd - Virginia Webb, GA

**Beeswax Molded Tapers**
1st - Joe Kovaleski, OH  
2nd - Virginia Webb, GA  
3rd - Charles Harper, LA

**Beeswax Novelty Candle**
1st - Joe Kovaleski, OH  
2nd - Virginia Webb, GA  
3rd - Charles Harper, LA

**Gift Arrangement**
1st - Virginia Webb, GA  
2nd - Landi Simone, NJ

**Sewing**
1st - Linda Tillman, GA  
2nd - Virginia Webb, GA

**Novelty Beeswax, Additives**
1st - Virginia Webb, GA

**Miscellaneous Arts & Crafts**
1st - Erin MacGregor-Forbes, ME  
2nd - Toni Downs, KY  
3rd - Virginia Webb, GA

**Gadgets, Small**
1st - Virginia Webb, GA

**Photography:**
**Close-Up**
1st - David Smith, MD  
2nd - Linda Tillman, GA  
3rd - Moira Alexander, NY

**Scenic**
1st - Daniel Smith, MD  
2nd - Fiona O’Brien, NZ  
3rd - Fred Smith, MD

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BBKA ENDS RELATIONSHIP WITH BAYER

The British Beekeepers’ Association has announced plans to end its controversial practice of endorsing pesticides in return for cash from leading chemical manufacturers.

The endorsement of four products as “bee-friendly” in return for $27,200 a year caused outrage among many beekeepers because one of the companies, Bayer Crop Science, makes pesticides that are widely implicated in the deaths of honey bees worldwide.

But the BBKA denies that it has bowed to pressure from members who have been increasingly critical of the its stance. Bayer’s clothianidin was identified as causing the death of two-thirds of honey bees in southern Germany in 2008.

In a statement sent to local beekeeping associations across the UK, BBKA’s president, Martin Smith, said: “Following discussion with companies involved, BBKA trustees have decided endorsement and related product-specific payments will cease as soon as possible.”

He added: “The four products subject to BBKA endorsement are of declining commercial importance and development of new classes of pesticides and application techniques means the relationship with the plant-protection industry should be reviewed.”

The BBKA’s position has polarised the 45,000-strong beekeeping community, but the majority of BBKA members upheld its policy at its annual delegate meeting earlier this year and in 2009.

In January, delegates will be asked to note this decision “with respect to the cessation of BBKA endorsement of certain pesticides”.

But the organization has not ruled out accepting funds in the future from pesticide companies. “The trustees may wish to invite companies to exhibit at the BBKA’s Spring convention or make a contribution to the research fund,” said Smith.

“It is time to broaden the range of engagement with the crop-protection industry beyond the narrow focus of endorsing certain products; rather to contribute more directly to the development of new regulatory criteria for pesticide approval and to further support the industry in the general move to improve countryside stewardship,” he added.

White says all ties to the pesticide industry should be immediately severed. “All of those who created and directed this policy of pesticide endorsement must be thrown out of the BBKA and replaced by real beekeepers. The BBKA is not fit for purpose and will never recover its moral integrity until it is reconstituted as a pure beekeeping organization that is willing to campaign against all use of systemic pesticides on British farms.”

Meanwhile, Bayer acquires innovative product for the control of Varroa mites in honey bees from Exosect Ltd.

Exosect – leading provider of Intelligent Pest Management solutions - has announced the recent acquisition of its unique product, Exomite for the control of Varroa mites in honey bees by Bayer CropScience.

The acquisition was made for an undisclosed figure and gives Bayer CropScience worldwide rights to sell the product and further develop a portfolio of bee health products for the control of mites (including Varroa and tracheal mites) using Exosect’s platform technology, Entostat.

Martin Brown, Exosect’s Managing Director, comments, “After five years we are delighted to have finalised research and trials required for a regulatory data package.”

Bayer concludes, “Our platform technology, Entostat powder, has such huge potential in all sectors of pest control that despite our interest in the bee health sector we are unable to give the launch of this product the resource it deserves. This is an incredibly important sector and we believe that Bayer is very well placed to bring the product to market”.

“Bayer is aware of its responsibility as a producer of crop protection products and bee health products”, said Dr. Franz-Josef Placke, Head of Development at Bayer. “We are investing in research and development to provide beekeepers with sustainable solutions to improve the health of their bees and bee colonies.”
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Please feel free to ask questions.
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Together For A Sweet Future

The 2011 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow is right around the corner and the excitement is building. A joint effort of the American Beekeeping Federation, the American Honey Producers Association and the Canadian Honey Council, this conference is sure to be the largest beekeeping event in the U.S. – beekeepers at all levels and from all over North America and beyond will gather to share ideas and develop new contacts.

Please plan to join us in Galveston, TX, January 4-8, 2011, for what promises to be an amazing event. The conference will be held at the San Luis Resort located right on the Gulf of Mexico. The San Luis Resort consists of four properties: The Galveston Convention Center (where most conference activities will occur), the Hilton, The San Luis Hotel and the Holiday Inn. Rooms have been blocked at all three hotels, as we anticipate attendance to exceed 1,200 beekeepers.

The conference begins on Tuesday evening with a complimentary Welcome Reception. All registered attendees are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to revisit old friendships and meet new beekeepers who share your same interests.

We’ll begin Wednesday morning with general sessions featuring presentations from Dave Mendes, president of ABF, Kenny Haff, president of AHPA, and Corey Bacon, president of CHC. We’re also honored to have Dr. Jim Tew as our keynote speaker. We’ll have legislative updates from all three groups, meet the 2011 American Honey Queen and Princess contestants, and find out what Ralph Jones will be offering during his business seminar, which will occur later in the week. The tradeshow will open at noon on Wednesday and will feature over 50 exhibitors. The afternoon will be dedicated to the Shared Interest Group meetings, which are open to all in attendance, and the 2011 American Honey Show. We’ll conclude the day with the annual ABF Honey Queen Reception and Quiz Bowl.

Thursday is a full day with lots of options for you to choose from. The General Session will begin at 8:25 a.m. and continue all day. Various topics will be covered, including updates from the USDA-ARS labs, as well as presentations industry experts from the United States, Canada and Mexico. The American Bee Research Conference and the Serious Sideliners Symposium will also begin on Thursday morning and continue through Friday afternoon. The tradeshow will continue to be open for your perusal.

Friday will have a similar schedule with General Session, the ABRC, the Serious Sideliners Symposium and the Tradeshow continuing throughout the day. Additionally on Friday, Ralph Jones will offer a business seminar and we’ll have the Foundation Luncheon, the Honey Show Auction and the AHPA annual banquet (open to all attendees with additional registration required).

On Saturday, we’ll start the morning with a variety of interactive workshops. This will also be your final opportunity to visit the tradeshow and make connections with exhibitors and conference sponsors before it closes at noon. The afternoon will feature the ABF Annual Business Meeting and finally the annual ABF banquet, where you’ll be introduced to the 2011 American Honey Queen and Princess.

Although Saturday is the official close of the conference, we have one last event planned. On Sunday, we have reserved the conference lounge in the San Luis Hotel for “The Hive,” which is an opportunity to meet and mingle, have a little lunch and maybe even play a little pool with fellow beekeepers.

The 2011 conference is packed full of education sessions, social and networking activities, and lots of opportunities to learn about new products and services. Additional information, including registration rates, guest room accommodations, the conference schedule, invited speakers, session topics and more, can be found on the conference Web site at www.nabeekeepingconference.com. Be sure to check often as additional details will be posted as soon as they are available.

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Secretary's Report: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The Balance Sheet showed Assets in balance with Equity plus Liabilities $268,690.52 as of 7/31/2010; and the Profit and Loss Budget Overview showed a loss of $3,727.32.

Past President's Report EAS 2009: There is one $200 adjustment to make and then everything will be settled. EAS 2009 NY generated $9583.00. All were appreciative of New York's effort for a great conference!

President's Report EAS 2010 NC: They had budgeted for 300 people and registration is close to 550. Short Course Level I had 68 participants and Short Course Level II had 173 participants. He hoped everyone was having a good time with 36 talks and 12 different workshops.

Sites:

EAS 2011 RI will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI July 25-29 2011. The contract has been signed and the site was an easy on and off and only two miles from the airport. Everything is under one roof and air conditioned. We need to get people to stay at the Hotel in order to get free conference rooms. The area is flat with no steps and plenty of parking area. Kim Flottum will handle the Advanced Short Course and Conference program and the MB's will handle the Beginners Short Course.

EAS 2012 Vermont: The last time Vermont hosted an EAS Conference was 30 years ago. They are looking at the University of Vermont located in Burlington, VT the week of August 13-17, 2012. The rooms are air conditioned and were built three years ago. The airport is about three miles away.

They will use $10,000 of their own money in order to support their members in attending. Their theme will be “Bees and Beyond”. Mike Palmer and Dewey Caron will be in charge of the program.

Future Sites: Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Committees:

Editorial Report: The electronic Journal was going well. The deadline for the Journal is September 15th.

Membership: Membership billing will be sent out after this meeting and then again in early January.

Master Beekeepers: There are 150 Master Beekeepers. The MB's information is being updated and will be an on-going project. There are 26 Master beekeepers at this year's conference. Short Course Level I was taught by the Master Beekeepers. The MB's will do Short Course Level I at EAS 2011 and perhaps offer two Level I classes.

There were 12 applications for the Master Beekeepers Exam. Results are pending and the new MBs will be announced at the Banquet.

The MBs tried to get the public involved by offering talks but no one showed up despite the publicity. In that light, Barry Thompson went to the Library where he was able to talk about “Pollination for Little People” with 38 two to three year old children and 12 adults. He was very well received and will try to do the same next year.

The MBs also discussed how our MBs program mesh with others. After much discussion, the MBs decided that they should not combine our MBs program with others.

The Youth Scholarship: is being worked on.

Awards:

Student Award: None; J.I.Hambleton: David Tarpy, NC; Roger A. Morse/Weiss Teaching, Extension and Regulatory Award: Dennis vanEngelde, PA State University; Divelbiss Award: a secret until the Banquet. Note: winner was Ann Harman, VA.

Foundation for Honey Bee Research: The winners of the $5000 HB Research Award went to: Mike Goblirsch, University of MN. “The Effects of Nosema ceranae Infection on Honey Bee Health.”

Historian: The Historian report is due at EAS 2011 Rhode Island and will be presented at the Business meeting.

Life Members: There are 16 new life members this year.

Nominations: The following nominations were submitted and accepted:

President 2011: Everett Zurlinden, RI
Vice President: Bill Mares, VT
Director Nominations:
Connecticut: John Kananowicz
Maine: Carol Cottrill
MS: Art Potter


Vacant Provinces: Ontario, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec.

Old Business: None.

New Business: National Honey Bee Appreciation Day is August 21, 2010. A resolution of support will be published on the EAS Website.

Honey Show Guidelines: A motion was made and seconded to change the wording in the Honey Show Guidelines by removing queenline jar and use Gamber jars.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

For a copy of the complete minutes contact the secretary.

Submitted by:

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**News • Events • Gossip From The EAS Beeyard**

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.

**New England Farmers Union** invites your organization and your members to join us at our first Annual Meeting on December 15 in Leominster, MA. This is an opportunity for people to learn more about our work and get involved as we work to strengthen New England’s voice in the national debate on agriculture policy. See http://bit.ly/9UG000 for more details.

**The Vermont Beekeepers Association** will hold their annual Winter Meeting Tuesday, January 25, 2011, Mutuo Club, Barre, VT (in conjunction with the Vermont Farm Show).

Registation begins at 8:30am. Meeting runs from 9:15am - 4:00pm. Special Note: Due to space limitations, this meeting will NOT have a potluck. We ask that attendees bring their own or sample options in Barre for lunch.

The guest speaker will be Paul Kozak speaking on Ontario Bee Breeding Program and the Ontario Tech Transfer Team.

Paul is the Provincial Apiarist for the Province of Ontario, based Guelph. Paul is originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba where he completed a BS in Zoology and an MS in Entomology, both at the University of Manitoba. For his graduate work, he worked under the guidance of Dr. Rob Currie.

For information Bill Mares 802.863.4938 or email: president@vermontbeekkeepers.org.

**The McDowell Honey Bees** will hold a Beekeeping Short Course starting February 12, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for three Saturdays at McDowell Technical Community College, 54 College Drive, Marion, NC 28752. New beekeepers and experienced beekeepers wanting to learn new information are encouraged to attend. Course is free and open to the public (optional textbook will be available at the course at a nominal cost).

For more information contact Karen Sousa at karen62@gmail.com, 828.925.4444 or see the McDowell Honey Bees page on Facebook.

**Prince William Regional Beekeepers Association** will hold a series of classes Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m. starting January 20, 2011 at the Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road, Manassas, VA.

The cost if $100 per family and includes two books, CD, membership in the club, mentors and field days.

Contact Louise Edsall, 703.369.0756 or John Strecker, 703.898.0825 or PWRBeekeepers@gmail.com.
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