



The BUZZER

Susquehanna Beekeepers' Association

Serving beekeepers and friends in Northeast Pennsylvania



ALERT !!

WE MEET THIS FRIDAY
(Dec. 9th) 700:PM

CLAVERACK BUILDING
ROUTE 706 MONTROSE PA

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Never fear —-Spring is near!



MEETINGS

Second Friday 7PM
Claverack Building Montrose
Route 706
East of Andre & Sons Supply
West of Endless Mountains
Hospital



SUSQUEHANNA BEEKEEPERS
ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM by President Dave Taylor.

Secretary Minutes had been published in the September Buzzer, so no further action needed.

Treasury Report to date: \$5712.96

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

All yearly &/or estimated finance information needs to be given to Dave before the February board meeting in order to establish a budget for 2017.

There is a change of wording under the SBA By-Laws – 1., 2nd sentence; instead of “Such members are encouraged to participate in the fair competition, in the annual work day and as a volunteer during the fair” – the wording will be “*Such members are required to work a shift during the fair week and are encouraged to participate in the fair competition and the annual work day.*” This will be published in the next issue of the Buzzer and will be on the agenda to vote on at the regular meeting, March, 2017.

Jim Moronski expressed (as fair chair), he would like to handle the volunteer work scheduling for 2017 plus he will be a help to the vendors by accepting all products for sale for a more efficient set-up. He also would like a requirement listing (label information, etc.) from the directors for members selling honey. Richard Sheldon suggested writing up his ideas & bring to the February board

meeting.

Since we have been selling 11 honey stick flavors the past two years instead of 10 flavors, we have been having an abundance of ‘pure honey sticks’ left after the fair is over. As purchaser for the sticks, Ginny asked if we can cut pure honey by 500 and add this amount over the other ten flavors or cut the 11th flavor. Approval given for cutting the pure honey & adding to other flavors.

Ginny worked up a yearly comparison chart for the years 2014, 15, 16 showing the amount sold & average price for the week. This chart consisted of the basic sales items (jars of honey priced by SBA); no items priced by individuals were included.

Budgetary limitations are forcing the SBA newsletter to be sent to ALL beekeepers’ e-mail addresses. December, 2016 issue will be the last one to be sent USPS.

The issue of having a background check to SBA members who visit the schools on a regular basis or other events involving youth. Richard Sheldon made the motion that club members involved in this capacity get the BG checks and SBA will pay for same. Seconded by Jim Perkins. All approved.

Community Foundation - Dick Chapin suggested that the SBA president appoint a scholarship committee. The committee is to see how they would intend to use a scholarship. Dave would like to take this to a regular meeting & ask members who may like to serve on the committee. Dick read a list of schools for this purpose.

2017 meeting dates:

February 11 – Saturday Board Meeting –
(Breakfast meeting – PTA)

March 10th; April 14th; May 12th; May Field Day
– TBA; June 9th; June Field Day – TBA; July
29th; August 21st – 26th (check in days 18th, 19th,
20th); September 8th; October 13th – Board
Meeting; November 4th – Annual Dinner/
Meeting; December 8th – TBA.

Thanks to Jim Perkins for his dedication and
work setting up programs for the 2016 meetings.
Suggestion made that ALL members should be
involved in program ideas with Jim. Some
program ideas from this meeting in addition to
basic ones needed each year are: Pest Control;
Queen rearing; Apitherapy; Extracting honey
show & tell; Comb Honey; Making Mead (an
alternative bee product).

There are 17 students taking the beekeeping class
thru' Montrose Adult School. Jim Barber, Dick
Chapin & James Wood are the instructors.

Dick Chapin told about the article in Bee Culture
how beekeepers will have to get medicines to
treat certain diseases from veterinarians starting
January 1, 2017.

Lori Wallace has offered to be the go-to person
on Facebook.

Kathy asked if the Luzerne County Beekeepers
may be invited to the meeting on November 5th.

Next meeting for 2016 – December 9th; Jim
Perkins will be reporting on his experience at the
PSBA Conference.

Nothing further at this time; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Acting Secretary, Ginny Wood

REMINDER

Since this will be the last USPS mailed
copies of the BUZZER (see the Oct.
minutes), we suggest that if you do not have
copy, and since the Buzzer is usually
produced just before a regular meeting, just
give the editor or production manager a
phone call before the meeting and they will
see that a printed copy will be waiting for
you at the meeting, unless their printers are in
a mood that day:-)



OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM TO DATE - 2016

Oct. 12 Blue Ridge, New Milford 2nd grade

Oct. 19 Lathrop Street, Montrose 4th grade

Oct. 26 Endless Mts. Learning Center,
New Milford pre-school

Nov. 2 Wyalusing 3rd grade

Nov. 9 Mt. View, Kingsley 4th grade

Nov. 16 Lackawanna Trail, Factoryville 5th gr.

Nov. 23 Roslund, Tunkhannock 4th grade

Dec., 19 Choconut, Friendsville 5th grade



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The Cup of Warm Water

Our Yearly “Buzzer” Message



“He whose birth we will soon celebrate once assured us that He would remember even a cup of cold water given to the least of His creatures. That He loved birds is evidenced by His frequent references to them during the recorded years of His life. Charity to the birds would seem, therefore, a most fitting Christmas benevolence.

“We often think to give birds food in summer. It involves no more than scattering table crumbs on the snow, though if our benevolent instincts be more fully developed we may build feeding trays more or less elaborate. But water is no less necessary to birds than food, and they are often harder pressed for something to slake their thirst than they are for something to eat. This is especially so in severe weather, when the chance pools that usually afford them a supply are frozen solid. It is then that a pan of water set out in a sheltered spot, clear of cat danger, will be most welcome to the birds. And do not set out merely a pan of cold water if the weather be freezing. It will immediately seal itself with ice, perhaps before all the bird clients that visit your yard shall have had a chance to drink. Let it be warmed up -- make it as warm as you like your own tea or coffee. Then it will be a long time freezing, for water has an astonishing capacity for heat and loses it more slowly than any other common substance. Birds do not have the same prejudice American humans have in favor of ice water, especially in winter. They are glad to get something warm to drink.”

“There is no charity bought so cheap that can make so many living creatures happy as cup of warm water.”

-From American Bee Journal-

Dec. 1932



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<http://www.susquehannabeekeeping.com/>

Check it out! Try "Tips & Tricks", etc.
Lots of good help



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'The Father of Our Constitution'
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to sustain ourselves
according to
The Ten Commandments of God.'*