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April President's Message

Greetings to all of you who are taking the time to read this note.

We are now getting into a busy season for the beekeepers.

Many are reversing their hive bodies, some are putting on lite syrup feeders, some are ordering bees for new hives and getting all of their supplies in order for the season.

The bees are active already. They are really enjoying the warmer weather and the first fresh blooms of spring.

It is really a joy just to stand out away from the hives and watch the bees as they come and go from their hives, busy at work.

Hope everyone had good luck with their hives over the winter and came through with very little loss.

Our next meeting is coming up soon and will be at the Peoria Farm County Bureau Building. Hope everyone will try to attend.

It gives you a chance to ask questions and get to know your other beekeepers.

This time of year, things are busy as I said before but to keep an active HIBA going, it takes people who are interested in bees and concerned about what is happening in the field to attend these meetings to make our association known, and strong.

Please take an hour out of your time and come and join us on Friday the 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you to all of you who are already faithfully serving the HIBA.

President Dave Stiles

April Meeting in Peoria

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Friday, April 21st at the Peoria County Farm Bureau Building. The building is situated in the northeast corner of the intersection of University St. and I-74 and the parking lot is accessed from Nebraska Ave. down Underhill St. To complicate matter, I don't know if you've noticed, but due to construction, westbound traffic on I-74 has been moved over to half of the eastbound side of the interstate. This effectively eliminates the exit ramps from downtown at the Glen Oak exit all the way to the Sterling Ave. exit. Please plan your route accordingly.

Our main topic for the evening will cover pesticide spraying. This past summer we heard of a number of bee kills due to drifting of aerial pesticide spraying. The sprayers are stating they do not know where all the beehives are located. It may behoove us to get a list of our apiaries and their locations and present it to the sprayers. That way, the sprayers should know where not to spray and if they do spray our hives we would have a stronger case against them for payment of lost colonies.

'Just for Grins'

I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up - they have no holidays. - Henny Youngman

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx

And in the end it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years. - Abe Lincoln

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MARCH MEETING MINUTES

President Dave Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm on March 10th, 2006 at Tazewell County Farm Bureau Bldg. in Pekin. Eleven members and guests were present. An introduction was made around the room with reports of their hives over-wintering. There was no Treasurer's Report. There were no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the last meeting as printed in the March newsletter. Nathan Sasse motioned to approve the treasurer's report and minutes, seconded by Danny Hart and motion passed.

Old Business: President Stiles reported on the request from the American Bee Federation to renew our membership. After some discussion, Charlie Ott motioned to send ABF \$25 as we have other years. Craig Ohmart seconded the motion and it passed.

There were some questions regarding ISBA's Insurance coverage for the associations in 2006. Nathan Sasse responded that the ISBA directors will meet April 8th and this will be discussed then.

New Business: HIBA (in conjunction with Peoria Park District) has arranged for a Beginner's Beekeepers Class at Forest Park Nature Center on March 11th from 1 to 4. Several members volunteered to present portions that include an overview of beekeeping, information about equipment and package bees. All members were encouraged to pass the word and come to help answer questions that day.

Nathan Sasse, website master, reported that we needed to pay for our website name and site. After some discussion, Charlie Ott motioned to pay for our web name for five years (\$90) and site rent (\$55). Danny Hart seconded the motion and it passed. Nathan will also accept pictures to put on the site.

Speaker: President Stiles introduced Steve Chard, State Apiary Inspector. Steve brought copies of the Bee and Apiary Act and Registration Forms for members that needed them. He also discussed new products that are on the market for Varroa mite control. Funding for his department is good and will be hiring two new inspectors for this area west to the northwestern part of the state (to replace Charlie Ott). Small hive beetle has been found in six Illinois counties. Beekeepers need to check bottom boards for them. Steve touched on several more topics that was of interest to our members and answered questions.

The next meeting will be April 21 at Peoria County Farm Bureau. Tickets were drawn and several door prizes were awarded. Being no further business, President Stiles declared the meeting adjourned. Treats and conversation were enjoyed after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hart

Calendar of Events

April 21, 7:30 p.m. – Peoria County Farm Bureau Building, Peoria. Speaker on Pesticide Spraying (*Chuck Gold will line up*) Round table topic: Protecting/moving hives

May 12, 7:30 p.m. – McLean County Farm Bureau Building, Bloomington. Round table topic: Swarms – Preventing and hiving. Honey Cook-Off

June 17 – Field Day at Tom Elston's, Bloomington Hive opening, beekeeping contests
Speaker from ISU or U of I (*Tom Elston will line up*)
Club will provide meat and drinks, members to bring side dish or dessert

July 7 to 15 – Heart of Illinois Fair, Peoria. Volunteers needed to work HIBA booth with observation hive. See Bob Coppernoll to sign up.

August 15 – HIBA Day at the Illinois State Fair, Springfield. Volunteers are needed to help sell honey ice cream and represent HIBA

September 8, 7:30 p.m. – Tazewell County Farm Bureau Building, Pekin. Commercial supplier representative to speak (*Dave Stiles will line up*)
Honey Tasting, Bring contest entries

October 20, 6:00 p.m. – Banquet at Q's Smokehouse, Peoria. Honey Judging. Election of Officers

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