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January Presidents Message

Hello Beekeepers,

As the new president of the HIBA, I want to invite you to attend our monthly meetings.

The Board met in January and set forth what we feel to be an exciting agenda of meetings for the coming year. Be sure to check the calendar and mark the dates so that you can be there.

I hope you are all getting your hive materials ready for the coming season and that none of us suffer any major losses of hives this year.

Nathan Sasse will be taking orders again for purchasing package bees for any one who needs them in the spring.

We will be having door prizes again this year and some exciting literature is being sent from several companies throughout the United States,

Please be sure to join us. Our first meeting will be March 11th at the Peoria County Farm Bureau. We hope to have Steve Chard, State Apiary Inspector there to speak to us and to answer any questions we might have.

See you in March.
David Stiles, President

Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong. --Theodore Roosevelt

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers." Alfred, Lord Tennyson
"Decisions determine destiny." Fredrick Speakman

March Madness Meeting

The Heart of Illinois Beekeepers association will be holding it's first meeting of 2005 on March 11th at 7:30 PM at the Peoria County Farm Bureau Building. It is located at 1716 N. University St. in Peoria and is just off the I-74 exit. The past couple of years, our first meeting has been in February and we seem to have caught some terrible snowstorms on those dates. By having the meeting a little later, we should have better weather and driving conditions for our speaker and members. If you have any home-made or unusual equipment, please bring it to the meeting for show and tell. HIBA will provide the liquid refreshments but we are depending on the membership to bring a honey treat to share.

"Just for Grins"

The secret of joy in work is contained in one word – excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it. --Pearl S. Buck

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OCTOBER 15, 2004 MEETING MINUTES

President Nathan Sasse called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Jubilee Café in Kickapoo, Illinois following a delicious meal. Twenty-three members and guests were present. Introductions and crop reports were made around the room. Jill Mayes presented the membership with beeswax ornaments she made. Treasurer Mike Moen reported balances of \$1,237.48 and \$596.25, for the club and honey princess accounts, respectively. The minutes of the September 2004 meeting were published in the newsletter. Chuck Gold motioned to approve both the treasurer's report and the minutes as published, seconded by Steve Mayes and the motion passed.

Tom Elston and Steve Mayes judged the club's honey show entries. Encouragement was given to entrants to exhibit at the State Fair. Ribbons and a small monetary award were given to the top placements.

Old Business: There were no topics discussed.

New Business: 2005 HIBA Officer elections were held. Steve Mayes and Brian Davies presented a slate of officers to be nominated. They were as follows:

Treasurer: Mike Moens

Secretary: Janet Hart

Vice-Pres.: Tom Elston

President: Dave Stiles

President Sasse called for nominations from the floor for each of the office and none were made. Steve Mayes motioned to accept the slate of officers as nominated; Brad Niemcek seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The club extended their thanks to Nate Sasse for his service as president the last two years.

Jill Mayes gave us an update on the State/HAS Conference in July.

Door prizes were awarded. Tom Elston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Mayes seconded the motion. President Sasse adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

2004 HIBA Honey Contest Results

Light Amber Honey: 1st- Hart; 2nd- Stiles; 3rd- Ryan; 4th- Moens

Amber Honey : 1st- Hart; 2nd- Stiles; 3rd- Gold

Dark Amber Honey : 1st- Hart; 2nd- Nyman

Beeswax : 1st- Gold; 2nd- Moens

Cut Comb : 1st- Ryan; 2nd- Hart

Chunk Comb : 1st- Hart; 2nd- Ryan

Premiums were paid out for the first 3 winners. First place received \$3.00, second place received \$2.00 and third place received \$1.00. Thanks to all that entered, keep up the good work.

True wisdom is less presuming than folly. The wise man doubts often, and changes his mind; the fool is obstinate, and doubts not; he knows all things but his own ignorance. --Akhenaton

What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans, and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty and democracy? --Mahatma Gandhi

The 2005 Agenda was discussed as follows:

March 11, 7:30 p.m. – Peoria County Farm Bureau
Speaker Steve Chard, State Apiary Inspector

March 12 (?) 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Forest Park Nature Center. **New Beekeepers Course**, open to the public
All members are invited to attend this training session and open discussion.

April 8, 7:30 p.m. – Tazewell County Farm Bureau
Installing Package Bees & Requeening
Honey Cook-Off

May 13, 7:30 p.m. – McLean County Farm Bureau
Harvesting and Extracting Honey

June 18 – Field Day at Tom Elston's
Speaker TBA, Hive opening, beekeeping contests
HIBA will provide meat and drinks, members to bring side dish or dessert.

July 7,8,9 – Heartland Apicultural Society,
Location in southern Illinois to be announced.

July 8-16 – Heart of Illinois Fair – HIBA booth
See Bob Coppernoll to sign up

August 16 (?) – HIBA Day at the Illinois State Fair
Volunteer to sell honey ice cream and represent HIBA.

September 16, 7:30 p.m. – Tazewell County Farm Bureau. Variety of hive products explained including creamed honey, propolis, mead, beeswax and dipped candles. Also, honey tasting.

October 14, 6:00 p.m. – Location to be announced
Banquet, Honey Judging, Election of 2006
HIBA Officers

**Heart of Illinois Beekeeper's Association
Executive Board Meeting
January 11, 2005**

Attendance:

Nathan Sasse
Janet & Danny Hart
Tom Elston
Mike Moens
Dave & Susie Stiles
Steve & Jill Mayes

The 2005 Program was planned and listed to the left.

ISBA Central District Rep. Jill Mayes reported on the Illinois State Beekeepers Association. Due to HAS (Heartland Apicultural Society) having their Convention this summer in southern Illinois, ISBA will not be having a separate summer meeting but combining with them. Because it is HIBA's turn to host the summer meeting, there was discussion to sponsor part of the HAS Convention instead. Tom Elston made a motion for HIBA to sponsor a portion of the HAS Convention in lieu of hosting the ISBA Summer mtg. Nathan Sasse seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Used Equipment Sale

Old Chain Uncapper - \$135.00
35 Gal. SS Settling Tank w/lid and Stand - 50.00
Kelly (double boiler style) Wax Melter w/lid and Stand - 45.00
Cappings Screen 18" x 46" for uncapping tank - 15.00
SS Filtering Screens - 4 - 20" Dia., 1 - 26" Dia. - 18.00 each
1 - Comb Honey Box w/misc. parts - 5.00
Dadant Mini-Melter Wax Melter - 45.00
SS Restaurant Type (Beehive!) Exhaust Fan, works! - 25.00
Laboratory Oven, goes up to 825 F. - 100.00
Large SS Uncapping Sink - 24" x 80" - 85.00
1 - 1" No-Drip Bottling Valves - 10.00 each
(also other misc. valves)
1 - 2" Barrel Filling Ball Valve - 15.00
1 - SS Transfer Pump w/1/2 Hp. Motor, new - 50.00
45 - Drip Pans, Wood w/ metal inserts - 4.50 each
24 - New 5 gal. Jugs - 3.50 each
Electric Uncapping Knife - \$10.00
Cut Comb Drain Pan - \$20.00
Insulated Hive Parts-all- \$20.00

Call Steve Mayes (309) 359-8600

Who does not thank for little will not thank for much.
--Estonian proverb

Nathan Sasse will be traveling to Mississippi in April to purchase package bees. They are light-colored Italian/Cordovan cross bees in three pound packages. Nathan will be taking orders until March 20 and plans to deliver the bees on April 10, 2005 after 7:00am at his home in Chestnut. **Please keep in mind that this date could possibly change!!** Nathan will be at the February HIBA meeting to accept orders and answer questions. All orders should be made through Nathan so that he may plan for the trip. Also, payments in full will be required before he leaves in April. Feel free to call, email or visit his website with any questions you might have. Order forms and directions are available online at <http://www.frontiernet.net/~nasasse> or see below.

Package Bee Order Form 2005

Prices:

3 lb. Package with Queen	\$45.00
Queen Bee	\$12.50

All bees will be available for pickup on **Sunday April 10, 2005 after 7:00am and before 12:00pm** in Chestnut, Illinois. **All bee orders must be submitted and paid in full by March 20, 2005.** If you have any questions feel free to contact me!

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For directions to my home see my website:
www.frontiernet.net/~nasasse

Note: Not responsible for packages and queens after pick-up. Failure to pick-up packages and queens on the approved delivery date will result in the possible forfeiture of purchase. Any problems resulting from your packages are at the responsibility of the purchaser and the provider of the packages and queens. . The bees are Italian/Cordovan cross bees and are certified to be Hive Beetle free. By ordering bees you certify that you understand the above terms. The purchaser agrees, not hold liable Nathan Sasse or Sasse's Apiary for any problems that may occur prior to and following pick-up of their order. If you have any questions or comments please contact me so that we may discuss them.

A Receipt will be given at the time of Pick-Up
Please Detach and return bottom portion with payment

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

of 3 lb. Packages: _____ X \$45.00=\$ _____

of Queens: _____ X \$12.50=\$ _____

Total \$ _____

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HIBA Membership and Magazine Subscription Form

	1 yr.	2 yr.	
2005 HIBA Dues	\$14.00		NAME: _____
AM. BEE JOURNAL	\$17.30	\$31.30	ADDRESS: _____
BEE CULTURE	\$17.00	\$32.00	CITY/ZIP: _____
SPEEDY BEE	\$13.25	\$25.25	COUNTY: _____
Total enclosed	_____		PHONE: _____
			EMAIL: _____

Would you like the newsletter e-mailed to you Yes ___ No ___

No. of Colonies: ____, LB. Of Honey Produced in 2004 ____, Year Started Beekeeping: _____

Make checks to: **Heart of Illinois Beekeepers' Association**

Mail to: **11720 W Rte 150, Brimfield, IL 61517**

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**** FOR YOUR INFORMATION ****

AMOUNT PAID: _____ CHECK # _____

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