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2012 State Fair Report

By Hans Junga

This year's fair was again a profitable, yet enjoyable experience for all who participated. With the help of nearly 50 volunteers, the fairgoers got a good opportunity to meet some of New York State's beekeepers, and to sample and purchase honey from 8 different regions of the state. Total income from the 12-day period was \$20,748. The suppliers of product made \$11,409 and ESHPA took in \$9,339 of the income. Congratulations go to Bill Crowell's crew for the most money made in a single day of \$2,946 on Saturday, September 1st.

We were honored by a 4-day visit from American Honey Princess, Danielle Dale, at the ESHPA booth at the NYS Fair. Danielle was busy explaining the workings of the observation hive, and pointing out the benefits of honey to potential buyers of pure New York honey. While at the honey display, she had the opportunity to meet Commissioner of Ag & Mkts, Darryl

Aubertine. She visited local beekeeper, Don Streib, and toured his apiary and honey house. Thanks to the Girl Scouts of Onondaga County for hosting Danielle and providing a home away from home. Although Danielle's reign ends at the next annual American Beekeeping Federation event in Hershey, PA this January, she has enjoyed visiting many states, including New York.

Thank you to the suppliers of honey and beeswax. Howland Apiaries was the first to sell out of their stock including the popular buckwheat and apple blossom honey. People came from near and far to find some of Bill Crowell's bamboo honey. Some

were lucky enough to buy some "Best of Show" honey awarded to Pat Bono this year. Mike Griggs provided some hard to come by basswood honey, which is enjoyed for its unique flavor. The creamed honey from Lloyd Spear is always a sampling favorite and top seller at the fair this year. Michael



Johnston and Hans Junga joined the "regulars" with their wildflower honey. The crowd was fighting amongst themselves for the cut-comb honey that Rob Sorensen tried to make available throughout the week. Even though most people don't know what to do with it, Jonathan Ryan's beeswax was prized by those who do appreciate it.

Special thanks go to all who volunteer for taking the time and making the trip to Syracuse to

help out at the honey booth, especially for those coming in more than once. Earl Villecco, Will Crowell, Rob Sorensen, and Leslie Berry helped tremendously with delivering honey, setting up and taking down the display, and filling in the schedule on the open days. The bees for the gazebo and observation hive were generously donated by David Howland and Rob Sorensen. Pat Bono did the planning of Danielle Dale's visit to the fair. John Ferguson is always a big help when it comes to rounding

up volunteers from his Mid-York club.

Hopefully, there will be continued interest in participating in next year's fair. There's always room for more volunteers, and more varieties of honey. Anyone from the Syracuse area would have an excellent opportunity to sell their local honey. We thank Dr. Calderone for judging the honey competition. The entries were up this year: and it would be great to keep up the momentum towards a more impressive show.



The President's Corner

I always admired New York City Mayor, Ed Koch. As did Ed, I wonder as ESHPA President, "How'm I doin'?" I think not so well. I envisioned positive achievements such as an expanded ESHPA membership, showcasing the many local beekeeping clubs and associations within the state, and fostering a positive synergy among all players on the State beekeeping stage. Au contraire! So far it's been a consternating struggle to achieve the goals I have in mind.

The "By-Laws" committee, consisting of Mark Berninghausen, Amy Wakefield and me, met to review and amend the ESHPA By-Laws, which are included in this newsletter on pages 7-11. Current wording proposed to be changed is published with double strikethrough, and proposed amendments are published in highlighted gray italics. For instance, ~~This is how it is currently written~~ and *this is the proposed amendment*.

One thing that jumped out at the committee was the definition of voting rights. The by-laws allow for spousal memberships for the price of a single membership fee. But if both members of the spousal membership want to vote in corporation matters then both members of the couple must pay membership dues. The by-laws are very clear: *"Spouses of members must take out a separate membership if they wish to vote."* Please keep this in mind when you register for the fall meeting.

Also under voting rights is the passage, *"A paid up membership is entitled to one vote."* There is no mention of weighted votes, nor is preference given to years a member has been keeping bees, how many hives one keeps, or how long one can keep their smoker lit. One membership, one vote.

What I most wanted to highlight from our by-laws, from ARTICLE II – PURPOSES is the passage, *"To form an association for mutual benefit of New York State honey producers."* I grapple with that passage. It is a goal of the Association to grow membership and it

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has been noted that the name "Empire State Honey Producers Association" is intimidating to smaller beekeepers. Some have suggested a different name for the Association. I have always thought if you harvest honey you are a honey producer. We all know it's the bees that produce the honey! Perhaps The Empire State Honey People Association? As an association I wonder, "How're We doin'?"

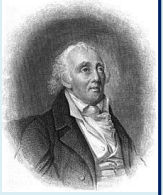
A final note from the by-laws review, which will be saved for a later day; *the manner in which the State is apportioned should be reviewed/revised at some time in the future.*

So, let's look forward to an exciting fall meeting! We are fortunate to piggyback on the fall meeting of the Russian Bee Breeders and will be treated to two of their prominent members; Dr. Thomas Rinderer and Steven Coy. Rounding out the speaker lineup will be Michael Bush, who has become quite a celebrity in Internet beekeeping.



Friday evening will feature our annual banquet with all the festivities, including the silent and live auction. Donations for the auctions will be gladly accepted!

The keynote presentation at the banquet will be given by Michael Bush and will highlight the Discoveries of blind beekeeper, François Huber who was only fifteen years old when he began to suffer from a disease which gradually resulted in total blindness; but, with the aid of his wife, Marie Aimée Lullin, and of his servant, François Burnens, he was able to carry out investigations that laid the foundations of a scientific knowledge of the life history of the honey bee.



Saturday morning will feature highlights of the Bee Wellness Workshops offered concurrently with the rest of the meeting. Lunch will be on your own, after which we will discuss the honey standard of identity and other challenging issues as ESHPA moves positively into the future.

I look forward to seeing everyone in November!

2012 Summer Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Saturday, July 21, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.

Place: Kutik's Honey House, Fort Plain, NY

President, Aaron Morris, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the Spring Board Meeting, Officer and Director List, and Treasurer's Report were presented by Hans Junga.

Officers and Directors also in attendance were: Mark Berninghausen, Pat Bono, Amy Wakefield, and Bill Roome. Peter Borst provided a signed proxy letter to Aaron Morris; Greg Kalicin sent email proxy via Bill Roome. Members: Laurence and Daniel Winter, Ed and Judy Doan, Ted Elk, and John Tyo attended the meeting.

Bill Roome made the first motion to propose the inclusion of member(s) representing ESHPA as an organization to the Apiary Advisory Committee. It was seconded by Pat Bono, and was unanimously carried. It is hoped that the opinions of a greater number of beekeepers statewide may be expressed in future meetings.

The second motion, made by Amy Wakefield, was to have a letter written by the president of ESHPA and endorsed with board member signatures to present to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to approve membership with the AIAC. It was seconded by Pat Bono, and was unanimously carried.

The third motion was made by Amy Wakefield to hold an informational session at the ESHPA fall meeting concerning the Honey Standard of Identity. It was seconded by Bill Roome and was unanimously passed. Some additional time for education and discussion will be helpful in determining the support of a revised honey standard for New York State.

The fourth motion was made by Bill Roome to allocate a \$150 fund for the Honey Princess, who will be appearing at the New York State Fair. The motion was seconded by Pat Bono, who stated that expenses will be minimal as food, housing and transportation costs will be provided by the Girl Scouts of America. The motion was unanimously carried.

Bill Roome made the fifth motion to accept the Spring Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by

Mark Berninghausen and was unanimously carried.

The sixth motion was made by Bill Roome to earmark proceeds from the "I Love NY Honey" merchandise to be counted towards matching funds for the Bee Wellness Workshops. The motion was seconded by Mark Berninghausen and was unanimously passed.

Pat Bono gave a brief report on the responses of participants in the Bee Wellness Workshops. The program received good to excellent reviews from the students, who will be passing on the knowledge they acquired to their local clubs in the coming months.

A bylaw review committee is scheduled to meet in August. Aaron Morris, Mark Berninghausen, and Amy Wakefield will make recommendations for clarifying and updating the bylaws to suit ESHPA's current needs. One item that will be discussed will be the group's liability insurance coverage, and the possible addition of a policy written to insure officers and directors of the organization.

A nominating committee has been formed to fill Board of Director vacancies. Aaron Morris, Peter Borst, and Mark Berninghausen will be considering directors from the West and Long Island regions, as well as the Director at Large position.

The seventh motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. was made by Bill Roome, seconded by Mark Berninghausen, and was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Hans Junga
Secretary/Treasurer

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2012 Summer General Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Saturday, July 21, 2012 - 11:30 a.m.

Place: Kutik's Honey House, Fort Plain, NY

President, Aaron Morris, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the Spring Board Meeting and Treasurer's Report were presented by Hans Junga. Officers and Directors also in attendance were: Mark Berninghausen, Pat Bono, Amy Wakefield, and Bill Roome. The roll call list is included at the end of the meeting minutes.

The first motion to accept the Spring Board Meeting minutes was made by Bill Roome. It was seconded by Ted Elk and was unanimously passed.

The second motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Rob Sorensen, and was seconded by Sam Hall. The motion passed by majority vote of 30 yes, 2 no, and 2 abstained. The report included a summary of Bee Wellness Workshop income and expenses. The annual report required by the USDA for the grant will be available at the fall meeting.

An education and discussion session will be added to the fall meeting schedule. The Honey Standard of Identity will be the topic and all members with opinions on the subject are encouraged to participate.

The third motion was made by Ted Elk to allocate up to \$500 to fund expenses for the Honey Princess New York State Fair appearance. The motion was seconded by Bill Roome and was passed by majority vote of 32 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstained. This fund is to be separate from the state fair director's stipend.

Pat Bono reported that after the first two of three Bee Wellness Workshops, the program received good to excellent reviews from the students. There were 24 participants in Canandaigua and 17 participants in Pocantico Hills. The next workshop will be held in Ballston Spa. The Saturday schedule of the ESHPA fall meeting will include classes from the workshop on microscopy and identification of foul brood.

Mark Berninghausen and Pat Bono have been working on "I Love NY Honey" promotional material. T-shirts, banners and bumper stickers are now available for purchase. A combined promotion with the National Honey Board and Rochester Baseball is also in the planning stages.

Sam Hall made the fourth motion to approve ESHPA's membership with NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York). The motion was seconded by Rob Sorensen and was approved by majority vote of 17 yes, 15 no, and 2 abstained. Although many ESHPA members do not practice organic beekeeping, NOFA policies may be of interest to those willing to try new methods.

Memberships with other agricultural organizations that would benefit ESHPA are the Vegetable Growers Association, Apple Producers, and Maple Producers.

The fifth motion, made by Ted Elk, was to join membership of the Ontario Beekeepers of Canada. It was seconded by Sam Hall, and was unanimously carried.

Discussions continue on ESHPA involvement in the future reinstatement of the Apiary Inspection Program. Aaron Morris and Mark Berninghausen are on the original committee to seek a proactive approach to providing recommendations for a new program. Michael Johnston, Chuck Kutik, and Jonathan Ryan were named to be included in a new committee. Although inspections are presently conducted on a much smaller scale, Chuck Kutik commends the work done by Paul Cappy with identification and control measures taken against Nosema disease.

Fall meeting plans are continuing to go well. Presentations will include a Russian Bee Breeder Program, Bee Wellness Workshop highlights, and added hours devoted to a Honey Standard of Identity session on Saturday. More participation by vendors is also expected.

Classifieds:

All ESHPA members are encouraged to list their honey on the ESHPA web page!

Wanted: Diseased or suspected diseased frames, comb & bees for the November NY Bee Wellness Workshop at the ESHPA annual meeting. Fresh/frozen preferred. Please label frames if you want them returned. Contact Pat@ESHPA.org, [585-820-6619](tel:585-820-6619)

<http://www.eshpa.org/index.php/buy-local-ny-honey/add-listing-to-eshpa-web-site>

Director vacancies are upcoming as Art Gerber and Miguel Valentin's term limits have been reached. Aaron requested the appointment of Chuck Kutik to fill the Director-at-large position, which he kindly accepted.

Pat Bono suggested a smaller, monthly version of a newsletter to be sent out to members with current events, updates on progress of committees, etc.

There was a discussion on the severe bee losses suffered by western NY beekeepers from army worm pesticide spraying. It was stated that the Department

of Environmental Conservation should be more involved in controlling the use of new chemicals that are having such a serious impact on honey bees. Sprayers of these pesticides should be required to keep records of the pesticides they are using and when they are scheduled to be applied. Jim Doan claimed extensive damage done to many of his colonies.

The seventh motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. was made by Mark Berninghausen, seconded by Bill Ferris, and was unanimously passed.

Summer Meeting Roll Call of Members and Guests

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| 1. Mark Berninghausen | 13. Judy Doan | 25. Mike Potoczak | 37. Ken Stone |
| 2. John Bishop | 14. Ted Elk | 26. Tim Pylman | 38. Joy Stone |
| 3. Peter Bizzoso | 15. Bill Ferris | 27. Bill Roome | 39. Don Streib |
| 4. David Boise | 16. Sam Hall | 28. Ben Rulison | 40. Jim Tew |
| 5. Pat Bono | 17. Michael Johnston | 29. Gary Rulison | 41. Virginia Van Schaick |
| 6. Wayne Bryan | 18. Hans Junga | 30. Mark Rulison | 42. Wilbur Van Schaick |
| 7. Paul Cappy | 19. Chuck Kutik | 31. Jonathan Ryan | 43. Octavio Vazquez |
| 8. Alan Clark | 20. Karen Kutik | 32. Ann Sill | 44. Earl Villecco |
| 9. Chris Clyne | 21. Richard Lercari | 33. Rob Sorensen | 45. Amy Wakefield |
| 10. Ben Doan | 22. Doris Ludewig | 34. Lloyd Spear | 46. Rich Wakefield |
| 11. Ed Doan | 23. Fred Ludewig | 35. Eric Sprout | 47. Daniel Winter |
| 12. Jim Doan | 24. Aaron Morris | 36. Bill Steinert | 48. Larry Winter |

ESHPA in D.C.

- Pat Bono, 3rd VP

The Empire State Honey Producers was represented at Senator Gillibrand's NY Farm Day in the Russell Senate Office Building in September. This was a great way to get recognition for NYS honey. This well attended reception featured creamed honey from Lloyd Spear, Japanese knotweed honey from Bill Crowell and honey comb from Seaway Trail Honey. Other agricultural products available at the event for tasting were apple, maple and dairy.

Both Senator Chuck Schumer and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stopped at the ESHPA table to say hi.

If you would like to participate in next year's tasting, by staffing the table, sending a honey recipe or cooking a dessert, or even donating honey, please contact: Pat@eshpa.org



BY - LAWS
Of the
Empire State Honey Producers Association, Inc.
Adopted November 19, 2010

ARTICLE I - OFFICES

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the Town of Alexandria Bay, County of Jefferson, State of New York. *The principal office of the corporation may be moved to other places within or without this state as the board may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation may require.* The corporation may also have offices at such other places within or without this state as the board may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation may require.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes for which this corporation has been organized are as follows:

To promote and protect the interests of New York State beekeepers, and

To form an association for mutual benefit of New York State honey producers; to promote and assist in efforts to preserve and protect the honey bee; to assist New York State honey producers in promoting, marketing and publicizing honey and hive products and educate the public to the value of honey bee pollination; to aid in presenting a uniform point of view on concerns of New York State honey producers to state and federal agencies and the general public.

To procure uniformity and certainty in customs and usages of trade and commerce, and of those having a common trade, business, financial or professional interest; to promote a more enlarged and friendly intercourse among beekeepers.

To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its members, directors, or officers except as permitted under Article 5 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Membership in this not-for-profit corporation is open to anyone interested in beekeeping.

Annual and life membership dues are set by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership. Only paid-up members are eligible to

vote on corporate business.

Spouses of members must take out a separate membership if they wish to vote.

A paid-up membership is entitled to one vote.

2. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

The Annual Membership Meeting of the corporation shall be held at the ~~winter~~ *fall* meeting. The Secretary shall cause a notice of such meeting to be mailed, ~~telephone~~ *telephoned*, or emailed to all members at their address as they appear in the membership roll book of the corporation a notice stating the time and place of the annual meeting.

All meetings of the Corporation shall be conducted in accordance to Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Regular meetings of the corporation shall be held twice per year:

A. Summer Picnic Meeting: The Summer Picnic *Meeting* will be held the last Saturday in July (unless announced otherwise) at a site to be determined at the preceding ~~Winter~~ *Fall* Meeting. A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held. A business meeting will be held at which nominations for Officers and Directors will be made (to be voted on at the ~~Winter~~ *Fall* Meeting).

B. ~~Winter~~ *Fall* Meeting: The ~~Winter~~ *Fall* Meeting will be held in November or December at a location to be determined by the Board of Directors. A two-day meeting with an extensive array of speakers as well as a banquet is the norm. ~~An Annual Business Meeting~~ *The Annual Membership Meeting* will be held at this time to elect Officers and Directors as well as transact other business of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer will make a financial report for the previous year available to the membership at this time.

The presence at any membership meeting of not less than twenty percent (20%) of all paid-up members of the corporation shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of the corporation; however, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than four (4) weeks from the date scheduled by the By-Laws and the Secretary shall cause a notice of the re-scheduled

date of the meeting to be sent to those members who were not present at the meeting originally called. A quorum as hereinbefore set forth shall be required at any adjourned meeting.

A membership roll showing the list of members as of the record date, certified by the Secretary of the corporation, shall be produced at any meeting of members upon the request therefore of any member who has given written notice to the corporation that such request will be made at least ten days prior to such meeting. All persons appearing on such membership roll shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.

3. SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the directors. The Secretary shall cause a notice of such meeting to be mailed, ~~telephone~~ *telephoned*, or emailed to all members at their addresses as they appear in the membership roll book at least ten days but not more than thirty days before the scheduled date of such meeting. Such notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting and by whom called.

No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting.

4. FIXING RECORD DATE.

For the purpose of determining the members entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or to express consent to or dissent from any proposal without a meeting, or for the purpose of determining the members entitled to receive any distribution or any allotment of any rights, or for the purpose of any other action, the board shall fix, in advance, a date as the record date for any such determination of members. Such date shall not be more than thirty or less than ten days before any such meeting, or more than thirty days prior to any other action.

5. ACTION BY MEMBERS WITHOUT A MEETING.

Whenever members are required or permitted to take any action by vote, such action may be taken without a meeting by written consent, setting forth the action so taken, signed by all the members entitled to vote thereon.

6. PROXIES.

Every member entitled to vote at a meeting of members or to express consent or dissent without a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for him/her by proxy.

Every proxy must be signed by the member or his/her attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of thirty days from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it, except as otherwise provided by law.

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at all meetings of members shall be as follows:

1. Roll call
2. ~~Reading~~ *Review and approval* of the minutes of the preceding meeting
3. Reports of committees
4. Reports of officers
5. Old and unfinished business
6. New business
7. Good and welfare
8. Adjournments

8. MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Annual and life membership dues amounts and due dates are set by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership of the corporation and may be amended from time-to-time.

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS

1. MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION.

The corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than three directors. Each director shall be at least nineteen years of age.

2. ELECTION AND TERM OF DIRECTORS.

At each Summer ~~Annual Meeting of the members~~ *Picnic Meeting*, the membership shall nominate officers and directors. At each ~~Winter~~ *Fall* Annual Meeting of the members, the membership shall elect directors to hold office until the next ~~Winter~~ *Fall* Annual Meeting. Each director shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which he/she was elected and until his/her successor has been elected and shall have qualified, or until his/her prior resignation or removal.

Directors will be elected to a three year term

(limited to two consecutive terms) and seven will represent the different areas of New York State as follows: two from Western New York (west of the Genesee River), two from the Southern Tier (south and west of the New York State Thruway) and two from Northern and Eastern New York (north and east of the Thruway), and one from Long Island. The eighth Director is at-large and is to be appointed by the President. The Newsletter Editor is appointed by the Board of Directors and then becomes a voting member of the Board.

3. INCREASE OR DECREASE IN NUMBER OF DIRECTORS.

The number of directors may be increased or decreased by vote of the members or by a vote of a majority of all of the directors. No decrease in number of directors shall shorten the terms of any incumbent director.

4. NEWLY CREATED DIRECTORSHIPS AND VACANCIES.

Newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies occurring in the board for any reason except the removal of directors without cause may be filled by a vote of a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum exists, unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation. Vacancies occurring by reason of the removal of directors without cause shall be filled by vote of the members. A director elected to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, death or removal shall be elected to hold office for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.

5. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS.

Any or all of the directors may be removed for cause by vote of the members or by action of the board. Directors may be removed without cause only by vote of the members.

6. RESIGNATION.

A director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the board, the president or the Secretary of the corporation. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the board or such officer, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

7. QUORUM OF DIRECTORS.

Unless otherwise provided in the certificate of

incorporation, a majority of the entire board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or of any specified item of business.

8. ACTION OF THE BOARD.

Unless otherwise required by law, the vote of a majority of the directors present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be the act of the board. Each director present shall have one vote.

9. PLACE AND TIME OF BOARD MEETINGS.

The board may hold its meetings at the office of the corporation or at such other places, either within or without the state, as it may from time to time determine.

10. REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING.

A regular annual meeting of the board shall be held ~~immediately following~~ at the ~~Winter~~ ~~Fall~~ Annual Meeting of members at the place of such ~~Winter~~ ~~Fall~~ Annual Meeting of members.

11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, ADJOURNMENT.

Regular meetings of the board may be held without notice at such time and place as it shall from time to time determine. Special meetings of the board shall be held upon notice to the directors and may be called by the president upon three days' notice to each director either personally or by mail or by telephone or by email; special meetings shall be called by the president or by the Secretary in a like manner on written request of two directors. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who submits a waiver of notice whether before or after the meeting or who attends the meeting without protesting prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to him/her.

A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Notice of the adjournment shall be given all directors who were absent at the time of the adjournment and, unless such time and place are announced at the meeting, to the other directors.

~~12. CHAIRMAN.~~

~~At all meeting of the board, the president, or in his/her absence, a chairman chosen by the board shall preside.~~

13. EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMITTEES.

The board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire board, may designate from among its members an executive committee and other committees, each consisting of three or more directors. Each such committee shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. OFFICES, ELECTION, TERM.

Unless otherwise provided for in the certificate of incorporation, the board may elect or appoint a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, and such other officers as it may determine who shall have such duties, powers and functions as hereinafter provided. All officers shall be nominated at the Summer Annual Meeting of the members and elected or appointed to hold office at the ~~Winter~~ ~~Fall~~ Annual Meeting of the members until the next meeting of the board following the ~~Winter~~ ~~Fall~~ Annual Meeting of members. Each officer shall hold office for the term for which he/she is elected or appointed ~~for a term of two years~~ and until his/her successor has been elected or appointed and qualified and until his successor has been elected or appointed. *Officers' term of office is 2 years; officers may serve two consecutive terms.*

Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president; however an officer may only cast one vote.

2. REMOVAL, RESIGNATION, SALARY.

Any officer elected or appointed by the board may be removed by the board with or without cause. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of an officer, the board in its discretion may elect or appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term. ~~Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president.~~ The salaries of all officers, if any, shall be fixed by the board.

3. PRESIDENT.

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation; he/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the board; he/she shall have the general management of the affairs of the corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board are carried into effect.

4. VICE-PRESIDENTS.

During the absence or disability of the president, the vice-president, or if there are more than one, the first vice-president, shall have all the powers and functions of the president. Each vice-president shall perform such other duties as the board shall prescribe.

5. TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all the funds and securities of the corporation, and shall deposit said funds in the name of the corporation in such bank or trust company as the directors may elect; he/she shall, when duly authorized by the board of directors, sign and execute all contracts in the name of the corporation, when countersigned by the president; he/she shall also sign all checks, drafts, notes, and orders for the payment of money, which shall be duly authorized by the board of directors and shall be countersigned by the president; he/she shall at all reasonable times exhibit his/her books and accounts to any director or member of the corporation upon application at the office of the corporation during ordinary business hours. At the end of each corporate year, he/she shall have an audit of the accounts of the corporation made by a committee appointed by the president, and shall present such audit in writing at the annual meeting of the members, at which time he/she shall also present an annual report setting forth in full the financial conditions of the corporation.

6. ALTERNATE-TREASURER.

During the absence or disability of the Treasurer, a Vice-President so designated by the board, shall have the powers and functions of the Treasurer.

7. SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the board of directors and also the minutes of the members. He/she shall have the custody of the seal of the corporation and shall affix and attest the same to documents when duly authorized by the board of directors. He/she shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the corporation, and shall have charge of such books and papers as the board of directors may direct; he/she shall attend to such correspondence as may be assigned to him/her, and perform all the duties incidental to his/her office. He/She shall keep a membership roll containing the names, alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are

members of the corporation, showing their places of residence and the time when they became members.

8. ALTERNATE SECRETARY.

During the absence or disability of the Secretary, a Vice-President so designated by the board, shall have all the powers and functions of the Secretary.

9. SURETIES AND BONDS.

In case the board shall so require, any officer or agent of the corporation shall execute to the corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the board may direct, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his/her duties to the corporation and including responsibility for negligence and for the accounting for all property, funds or securities of the corporation which may come into his/her hands.

ARTICLE VI - SEAL

The seal of the corporation shall be as follows:

(The seal is intentionally left blank)

ARTICLE VII - CONSTRUCTION

If there be any conflict between the provisions of the certificate of incorporation and these By-Laws, the provisions of the certificate of incorporation shall govern.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed by the members at the time they are entitled to vote in the election of directors. ~~By Laws may also be adopted, amended or repealed by the board of directors but any by law adopted, amended or repealed by the board may be amended by the members entitled to vote thereon as hereinbefore provided.~~

~~————— If any by law regulating an impending election of directors is adopted, amended or repealed by the board, there shall be set forth in the notice of the next meeting of members for the election of directors the by law so adopted, amended or repealed, together with a concise statement of the changes made. By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed at the Annual Fall Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present, provided that any such amendments be made available in writing to all members thirty (30) days prior to the vote.~~

ARTICLE IX - ENDORSEMENTS

Any use of the ESHPA name shall be prohibited unless authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors at an official directors meeting or by a majority vote of the entire membership.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

In the unlikely event of dissolution of the Corporation, any remaining assets of the corporation shall be transferred to Heifer International®.

Obituary GOUVERNEUR —William Paul Engelhardt, 62, of Gouverneur, but formerly of Antwerp, passed away on Sunday, August 26, 2012 at his home under Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley.

William was born on July 18, 1950 in Gouverneur to Paul and Clair (Atkinson) Engelhardt. He married Sharon Side in 1975 and she passed away in 2001.

At the age of 15 Bill became a bee keeper in his father's bee and honey production business. He was a weather savant and was consulted on weather statistics by local newspapers and was featured several times in articles in the Watertown Times. He was also often contacted by law enforcement personnel to verify dates. Bill would like to be remembered for his love of trees and the outdoors. He donated five of his own maple trees and planted them at the Spragueville United Methodist Church. He enjoyed baseball, gardening and was a master bee keeper.

He is survived by his fiancé, Laura J. Conklin of Gouverneur; a niece, Tiffany Read and her sons, Dakota and Orion Cook of Philadelphia; Nieces Julie Kirker of Gouverneur, Debbie Emmonds of Ohio and Retha Ross of SC; his nephews Bill Lapack of ME, John Gerald and Paul Gerald of SC; and his favorite cat, Koen.

Bill is predeceased by a brother, Alfred Engelhardt and two sisters, Gloria Gerald and Joyce Read.

Donations may be made in William's memory to the Gouverneur Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 164, Gouverneur, NY 13642 or to Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, 6805 US Hwy. 11, Potsdam, NY 13676.



NY Bee Wellness Workshops

by Pat Bono, Project Director, NY Bee Wellness Workshops;
3rd Vice President ESHPA

This spring and summer 3 workshops were held at different locations in New York State to teach beekeepers by offering intensive 2 day, skills oriented, hands on workshops. These were part of a 3 year *Train the Trainer* program to show beekeepers techniques in diagnosing, treating, and preventing honey bee diseases and for them to return to their clubs and teach other beekeepers. These classes primarily targeted New York beekeepers with less than 10 years' experience and women beekeepers.

Thirteen established, local beekeeper clubs were represented during these workshops, as well as beekeepers from Connecticut and Ohio, for a total of 60 participants. Motivation was very high and survey results show a rating of the workshops as very good to excellent with improved skills in disease recognition and teaching by the participants.

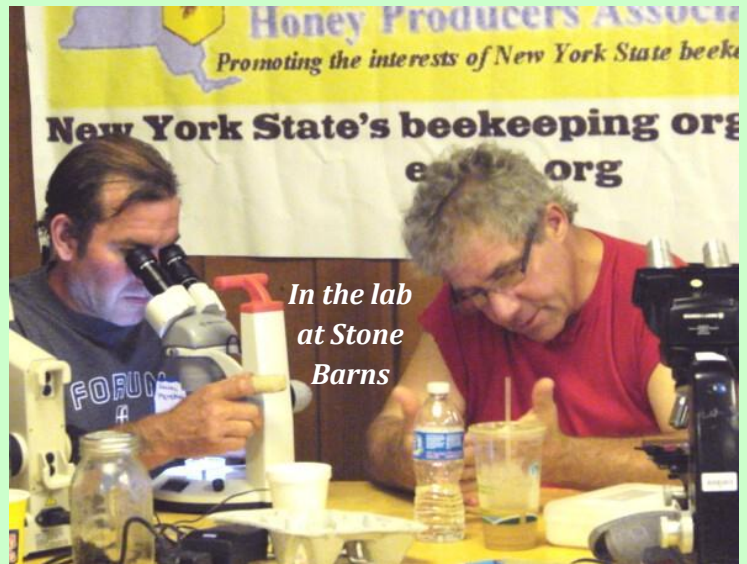
The first, inaugural workshop was held in Canandaigua during a beautiful spring weekend. We set up the microscopes at the Ontario County CCE and carpooled to Rich Riedman's apiary.



In the bee yard at Canandaigua

Our workshop at historic [Stone Barns](#) presented a few challenges: sweltering heat and threat of rain- but beekeepers know how to sweat! Security was tight for one apiary visit in preparation for First Lady Michelle Obama's visit to Stone Barns for an event, but we were able to complete our inspections at the Stone Barns beeyard (managed by Dan Carr) and return to the Pocantico Hills Fire Hall before her event started.

At Ballston Spa tents were set up over the beehives at Aaron Morris' beeyard in case the rolling thunderstorms interfered with our field work, but we were lucky- the downpour started after we got into our cars to return to the Saratoga County CCE.



*In the lab
at Stone
Barns*

The workshops were also a great group effort! We were very fortunate to have some of the best instructors in the bee world: Diana Sammataro, Al Avitabile, Larry Connor, Doug McRory, the Ontario Tech Transfer Team (Melanie Kempers, Les Eccles, Devan Rawn, Brian Lacey), and Christina Wahl.



*The Bee yard at
Stone Barns*

Several beekeeping clubs have already implemented their training of beekeepers in their region of New York.: [Catskill Mountain](#), [Long Island](#), [Southern Tier](#), [Ontario Finger Lakes](#), [Southern Adirondacks](#), [Western NY Honey Producers](#).

Many clubs will also hold their workshops this fall and winter, as part of their monthly meetings and beginner beekeeper programs. An educational website was established to provide required material to prepare the

participants for the lab and field work. NYBeeWellness.com is now available to all beekeepers (particularly in New York) as a guide to identifying honey bee disease. Please check the [OVERVIEW](#) page for an outline and links to:

- [The Field Guide to Honey Bees and Their Maladies](#) (PDF)
- Ontario Tech Transfer [power points and pdf's](#)
- Bees at eXtension.org
- [Lab testing resources](#)
- Catskill Mountain Beekeepers [Youtube](#) on sugar dusting for mites
- Ontario Finger Lakes Beekeepers [power point on Bee Disease](#)
- Jamie Ellis videos on [bee diseases](#)
- [Microscope power point](#)

While this was the first year of the 3 year project, some see this program as a beginning to a permanent outreach training program for New York State beekeepers.



The Bee yard in Ballston Spa



Examining Drone Brood for Varroa



Sugar Shake Method to Detect Varroa

On November 17, there will be a Saturday morning workshop during the ESHPA annual meeting, featuring some of the best of the workshop: Microscopy, frame diagnosis (What's Wrong with this Frame?), and American Foul Brood identification.

I wish to thank the Western New York Honey Producers Association for their generous donation of \$200 towards the continuation of the NY Bee Wellness Workshops, as well as the members of ESHPA for providing matching funds.

These workshops are made possible through funding from the USDA NIFA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program, Grant # 2011-494400-30631, and with matching funds from the Empire State Honey Producers Association.

Ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please contact Pat@eshpa.org



Instructors and Project Director at Ballston Spa

*Left to right, seated: Diana Sammataro, Pat Bono
Standing: Christina Wahl, Aaron Morris, Larry Connor,
Doug McCrory*

Speaker Profiles:

Dr. Thomas E. Rinderer, *Research Leader* and a *Research Geneticist*, joined the USDA Baton Rouge laboratory in 1975. Since that time he has conducted a wide variety of research projects concerning Africanized bees, honey bee behavior, genetics and honey production. Currently he leads the team that is further evaluating and developing a stock of bees from the Far East of Russia that has resistance to varroa mites.

Steven Coy, lives in Perkinston, Miss., takes care of the southern end of the Coy's Honey Farm operation, as well as raising queens to establish the new colonies. While most of the Coys' honey is made from cotton and soybean nectar, they send several thousand hives each year to California where they are used to pollinate that state's almond crop. Steven is also a Director of the American Honey Producers Association, President of the Russian Honeybee Breeders Association, and a member of the National Honey Bee Advisory Committee.

Michael Bush has had an eclectic set of careers from printing and graphic arts, to construction to computer programming and a few more in between. Currently he is working in computers. He has been keeping bees since the mid 70's, usually from two to seven hives up until the year 2000. Varroa forced more experimentation which required more hives and the number has grown steadily over the years from then. By 2008 it was about 200 hives. He is active on many of the Beekeeping forums with last count at about 45,000 posts between all of them. He has a web site on natural beekeeping at www.bushfarms.com/bees.htm

The vendor show at the meeting will feature: Bee Meadow Art & Gifts, BeeZerk.com, Betterbee (under new management), Brushy Mountain Bee Farm, Dadant and Sons (Waverly Branch), and Kutik's Honey Farm

Orders placed in advance may be picked up at the meeting. Avoid shipping fees!

Friday

- 8:15 Registration
- 8:45 Welcome President Aaron Morris
- Resistant Honey Bees (From Three Perspectives)**
- 9:00 Dr. Tom Rinderer - Breeding Honey Bees Resistant to Mites
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Michael Bush - Breeding Resistant Bees
- 11:15 Steven Coy - Commercial Beekeeping with Russian Bees
- 12 noon Lunch (onsite buffet available)
- 1:00 Dr. Rinderer - Research Highlights from the USDA-ARS Honey Bee Genetics and Physiology Lab in Baton Rouge, LA
- 1:45 Steven Coy - The Russian Honey Bee Breeders Association
- 2:30 Steven Coy - The National Pollinator Defense Fund
- 2:50 Break
- 3:15 Business meeting
- 6:00 Break/Social
- 7:00 Banquet: Michael Bush - The Discoveries of Huber/Silent Auction/Live Auction/Awards.

Saturday

- 9:00 Reports from NY Organizations
- 9:00 Noon: Bee Wellness Workshop
- 9:30 Michael Bush - Lighter Equipment
- 10:15 Break
- 10:35 Michael Bush - Wintering Nucs
- 11:20 Michael Bush - Common Beekeeping Issues
- Noon – Lunch (offsite)
- 1:00 SOI education and discussion session

Concurrent Offering Saturday Morning, 9:00-12:00

NY Bee Wellness Workshop featuring microscopy, frame diagnosis, AFB identification.

Fee: \$10 includes a copy of *A Field Guide to Honeybees and Their Maladies* and handouts. You may bring your own microscope.

Space is limited; register early, first come first served.

Christina Wahl PhD, Wells College, Mark Berninghausen, Mike Griggs.



Empire State Honey Producers Association

Fall 2012 Meeting Registration

November 16th & 17th, 2012

Comfort Inn & Suites*

6701 Buckley Road

North Syracuse, New York

(315) 457-4000

* Please call the hotel to make room reservations. Mention that you are with the beekeeper to get the group rate of \$94.00 per night

Name _____ Date _____
Spouse's First/Last Name (only if attending) _____
Company Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Pre-Registration

Member (& spouse) \$40.00 _____

Non-Member (& spouse) \$45.00 _____

Registration at Meeting

Member (& spouse) \$45.00 _____

Non-Member (& spouse) \$50.00 _____

2012 Dues \$20.00 _____

2013 Dues \$20.00 _____

Saturday Morning Workshop

\$10.00 _____

Hot Italian Luncheon

_____ attending \$17.00 each _____

Banquet Buffet

_____ attending @ \$26.00 each _____

Total \$ _____

Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to ESPHA

Pre-registration should be mailed no later than 11/10/2012 to:

ESH P A

C/o Hans Junga

46527 County Rte 1,

Alex Bay, NY 13607

You CAN get there from here!



The fall 2012 meeting will be held on November 16 & 17, 2012 at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 6701 Buckley Road North Syracuse, New York. Please contact the Comfort Inn @ 315 457-4000 for your room reservations and mention that you are with the "Beekeepers" to get the group rate of \$94.00. It is important that you make your reservations prior to October 31st to receive the group rate.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Please send a newsletter to: _____

Please complete this membership form and send along with a check (Pay To The Order of: E.S.H.P.A.) in the amount of \$20 to:

Hans Junga,
Secretary/Treasurer
46527 Co. Rt. 1
Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

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New York Honey T-shirts will be available for 15.00 at the annual ESHPA meeting, along with other logos on caps and T-shirts. Proceeds go to the NY Bee Wellness Workshops.

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