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From the Secretary

Another winter is almost over and in a month we should know how the bees fared in the North East. So far we have had the best wintering with only one dead out of 43 hives, but yes, we do have weeks to go before there will be good forage.

Greg and I spent January Traveling by car to the American Honey Producers meeting in Houston, Texas. There we had a good time besides learning a lot. I never knew Texas fields were so flat and so vast. In January they were getting ready to plant cotton and Rice!

Just yesterday I received an AHPA Market Alert Stating that the Argentine honey crop is off by 25-30%. Also the EU has banned all Brazilian food including honey because of not implementing foodmonitoring programs.

The Two large Argentine packers are not accepting any new orders thus the Argentine prices have jumped 10% in recent weeks. Some U.S. Packers have made the comment that they would not pay the high prices the Argentine are asking, since they get domestic honey cheaper. If the Bonding loophole is closed, which it may in several weeks, the price of honey could really take off.

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The President's Corner

Has spring arrived? Or has it gotten lost on the way here? All I know is this April we had some snow, rain and some freezing cold nights. The bees and I are not too happy about it but we can't complain since we had such a mild winter with not much snow. Due to a lot of warm weather in December and January, Dave counted that our bees had nine flights this winter. For where we live that is highly unusual. I hope that all of your bees are healthy and doing well, or at last better than last year.

Moving on, we are looking forward to our summer picnic meeting at Linda Walter's home in Camden, on Saturday, July 22, 2006. I'm sure a good time will be had by all, so we invite you to please come and join us. Just around the corner will be the State Fair. The dates are August 24th through September 4th. Rob Sorensen, who did such a great job last year, has agreed to run it again with the dedicated help of many, such as Joe Rowland, Earl Villecco and the many volunteers who really made this a great event for everyone. We always need plenty of volunteers so please consider a shift at the fair. It really helps all involved.

We are working on arranging out winter meeting and getting speakers lined up who will present topics of interest. The date will be November 11th and 12th in Syracuse. Please put this date on your calendar. Plan to come join us, meet old friends, make new ones, and hopefully we all will learn something new and have a great time of fellowship too.

Hoping all is well with everyone and to see you soon at the summer picnic meeting.

Joan-Ann "Joanie" Howland, President



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ESHPA at the State Fair



I would like to start by thanking everyone who helped with making the 2005 State Fair Honey Booth a success. There are many people involved that share the love of beekeeping who are willing to sacrifice their time and themselves, helping in many areas to make our honey booth a success. Thank you all.

The fair this year is August 24^{th} through September 4^{th} . Of course we will need volunteers to help make it a success again this year, especially working in the honey booth selling honey. We need all the help you can spare, so please sign up. Fair passes and parking should be free again this year. I'm hoping to get the time cut a little and overlap $\frac{1}{2}$ hour in the afternoon to ease the change of shift.

"I never knew there were different kinds of honey!" is a statement I hear often from the public at the fair. Different floral sources of liquid honey, cut comb, creamed honey and other unusual honey products are and will be big sellers. For those wanting to pack honey for the fair, please keep in mind that you must be an ESHPA member, use plastic containers only, and have product liability insurance, with a copy of certificate on hand with your honey. Contact Earl Villecco at (607) 693-1571 if you interested having your product sold at the fair.

Remember, more hands mean lighter work! Contact me if you are interested, or if you prefer, or mail me the date(s) and time(s) you would like to work. You will also be able to sign up at the summer picnic.

Thanks in advance!

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The Hive and the Honeybee

Selections from the E.F. Phillips Beekeeping Collection
at Mann Library

Have you ever read the American Bee Journal? "The oldest English language beekeeping publication in the world established in 1861 by Samuel Wagner which has been published continuously since that time except for a brief period during the Civil War"

http://www.dadant.com/journal/history.html

Now the first 20 Volumes 1861-1880 of ABJ has the distinction of becoming the next target for digitization at the EF Phillips Beekeeping on-line collection, "The Hive & The Honeybee" maintained by Cornell University.

http://bees.library.cornell.edu/

Two recent gifts, one from the Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association (SABA) and another from the Finger Lakes Beekeepers Club (FLBC) amounting to a total of \$400 along with a matching contribution of \$50 by Mann library will cover digitization costs for the first three volumes. We only need additional contributions of \$2,550 more to get all 20 volumes (1861 through 1880) of

original American Bee Journal digitized. This digitized beekeeping library is now the largest digital on-line collection thanks to the foresight of EF Phillips and the generous contributions by beekeepers!

Can you imagine having access to 30 early America beekeeping volumes from your home computer? And if successful you will soon be able to read the first 20 volumes of American Bee Culture.

Perhaps you, your Association or State beekeeping organization would like to help by contributing to have a volume placed up on the WWW.

By doing the entire 20 volumes at once the estimated cost for digitizing all 20 would be \$150/volume. The cost goes up if we choose to do it in smaller, multiple groupings.

So, if this sound interesting and you would like to help with this or need more information to take to other beekeepers either contact me or look at "The Hive & the Honeybee" online.

Mike Griggs President, Finger Lakes Beekeepers mhg3@cornell.edu

Minutes of the December 1, 2005 Board Meeting

Already approved

Members Present: Pete Bizzoso, Bill Crowell, Joan-Ann Howland, Dave Howland, Bruce Feigel, Judy Doan, Greg Kalicin, Lloyd Spears, Deborah Kalicin, Guests: Mike Griggs, Aaron Morris, and Ed Doan.

Nick Calderone came in to say that he would be willing to help with two meetings every three to four years, with one in the summer and one in the winter. He would assist in getting speakers and planning of these meetings.

Correction for minutes that: volunteers were acquired during meeting.

Judy Doan explained how and who should represent the various areas as directors. She had a list of those who were to be voted on.

- Mike Griggs to replace Dave Howland in the southern area.
- Aaron Morris to replace Mark Rulison in the northern area.
- Rich Wakefield for one year to replace Ted Elk in the northern area.
- Rob Sorensen to replace Ted Elk for the southern area, both Rich and Rob can be revoted in for a three year term next year.
- George Lyke could fill Mark Rulison's place if Constitution/ bylaws pass.

Can secretary write checks for flowers or donations up to \$50 or \$100 as needed was discussed and tabled. The Constitution/bylaws were voted on.

The subject of reimbursement for gas was discussed for fair work. Lloyd made the motion and Greg second that the stipend for fair work be raised to \$750 to help with the higher price of gasoline. Motion was passed with one board member against it.

The subject of joining the New York Agricultural Society was discussed and Judy made the motion that we not join and Lloyd second it. It was passed by all.

Rob Sorensen has agreed to run the State Fair booth again.

Dues for American Beekeeping Federation, American Honey Producers Association and EAS were voted to be paid for 2006. Joan-Ann, made the motion Bill second and it was passed.

Aaron Made the motion that The Alternatives Cd was to be cashed and funds sent to The Treasurer to be put in HSBC account. Joan-Ann seconded it and it was passed. Debs was to ask Joe or Earl to do this since their names were on the CD's.

The Constitution/Bylaws were discussed with suggestions to be made at the general meeting.

April Meeting will be in Rome again. All members liked the spot.

Greg made the motion at 9:31 for the meeting to adjourn, Bruce second it and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Kalicin Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of the April 8, 2006 Board Meeting

(To be approved)

The meeting was called to order by President Joan-Ann Howland at 11:05 AM at United Trinity church in Rome, New York.

Members present were: Joan-Ann Howland, Aaron Morris, Bill Crowell, Rob Sorensen, Ted Elk, Mike Griggs, Lloyd Spear, Ray Lackey, Rich Wakefield, Bruce Fiegel, Judy Doan, Pete Bizosso, Greg Kalicin, and Debs Kalicin. Guests present were Earl Villecco, Ed Doan, and Linda Walters

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted with one opposition by Aaron on the emergency expenditure issue. The issue was discussed and decided that the constitution covers it with the president contacting 10 board members to have an emergency expenditure covered.

The expenditures of the summer meeting were discussed with Linda Walters. A motion made by Ray Lackey to set limit to \$500 and any additional be

apportioned on any amount exceeding the \$500. For the sake of discussion the motion was seconded by Aaron. The motion did not pass.

Judy made a motion, seconded by Aaron, to budget up to \$1000 for the picnic. We do not want to start charging for the meeting in order to attract more members. This was passed.

It was decided that Dr. Rodriguez's mineral oil treatments for mites are too controversial to have him come for a speaker to the summer meeting. Nancy Cox from Pennsylvania was recommended and Mike Griggs is going to look into getting her or someone under her as a speaker.

Joan-Ann suggested we stay with the pig roast that Linda had said she looked into which was \$500, tent rental was \$175, Porta-John at \$140.

To help cover the expenses Judy suggested a Silent Auction, which Ed Doan said he would run. Deb Kalicin suggested a queen auction as well. Breeders donate a Queen, either live or by gift certificate.

Ted Elk made the motion and Aaron seconded it, that we send the OBA Tech Transfer Program \$250. Alison Skinner did not charge us for expenses to last years summer meeting as a speaker and the funding in Canada has dropped.

Insurance was dropped from the agenda until we get more information on incorporation.

Judy's daughter has offered to do the work on the incorporation and non profit status of the organization gratis, except for required filing fees. Greg mentioned that both ESHPA and Empire State Honey Producers Association should be registered together, since we use ESHPA often.

Aaron made the motion to investigate the procedures to be. Greg seconded it. With the amendment that the name be registered for the board to vote on at the summer meeting. Amendment Passed. Motion Passed.

The discussion of Non ESHPA members selling their products at the State Fair was brought up. Aaron made the motion and Pete seconded it, that to sell a product at the state Fair there must be product liability by the

firm or person of \$1,000,000 Liability and that the Secretary and Fair coordinator receive a copy for proof of insurance. An amendment to the motion was made that the person or business be a member in good standing at least 30 days prior to the fair. The amendment passed, the motion passed.

Judy made the motion and Greg seconded it that we give the church a donation of \$25 for the use of their facilities. Motion passed.

Ted and Judy gave us updates on the subject of inspection. Judy mentioned that Bob Mungari thinks ESHPA should have people trained in each county to talk on issues especially the African Honey Bees so that we have control of the media and not the media controlling us. Greg made the motion that we have a spokesperson in each county. Not seconded and dropped.

Contacting the Ethics committee was dropped as well, though Ted will contact Julie to feel things out to see where we go from here. Ted said there is funding for the inspection program and that there will be inspection for 2006, though we do not know if we will have real beekeepers inspecting. We have a concern with people not having bees being inspectors; would they really know what they are doing?

Ted made the motion and Lloyd seconded it, that the Secretary can get a debit card for the association so that the website can be charged directly to the association instead of going through an individual's personal credit card.

Committee members to give reports at summer meeting are: EAS Aaron Morris, AIAC Bill Crowell, Resolutions, Ed Doan and Peter Bizzoso, Beekeeper of the year, Bill Crowell, Ted Elk, and Earl Villecco, Development committee Ray Lackey, Mike Griggs and Greg Kalicin.

Ray Lackey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. At 3:15 the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Kalicin Secretary/Treasurer

2006 EAS Short, Course and Conference Young-Harris Georgia July 31 - August, 4

Greetings from Georgia

The University of Georgia Honey Bee Lab, Georgia Beekeepers Association, and Young Harris College invite you to the 51st annual short course and conference at Young Harris College, July 31st - August 4th, 2006. Young Harris College is a small, private college located in the picturesque Appalachian mountains of north Georgia. This mountainous region is breathtaking with green valleys, crystal clear streams, lakes and national forests. For the nature buff, there are plenty of outdoor activities including hiking, camping, boating, fishing, and horse back riding. For those who prefer the inside, there are plenty of galleries, gift and antique shops, wineries and specialty cloths stores. If you want to be within feet of the meeting, there are dorms located directly on campus, or if you want a lakeside/streamside/mountainside view, they're available. Listed in the accommodation section are B&B's, cabins and campgrounds that I think you will find very enchanting and also come highly recommended. For your additional lodging/recreational needs the websites for Towns and Union County Chamber of Commerce are listed as well

The conference and short course will host numerous well known speakers from around the state, country, and world. It's a veritable Who's Who of beekeeping. Check out our list of speakers, I don't think you'll be disappointed.

We plan to entertain you with our finest southern manner and fill you to the gills with the best homestyle, southern cuisine this side of the Mississippi.

All us Georgians are excited to finally introduce our region to you Yankees. So, if you want to experience a thrilling mix of hundreds of beekeepers, diverse workshops and lectures, huge trade show, Honey Show, Master Beekeeper program, Honey Exchange, and more, this is your chance!

Looking forward to seeing ya'll this year.
Till then
Jennifer Berry,
EAS President 2006

Full details and online registration at: http://easternapiculture.org/programs/2006/

NY Director for EAS

Speaking of EAS (The Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc.), readers and ESHPA members should note that my term as EAS Director for New York ends at the August 2006 meeting in Georgia. I have served as NY Director for six years now, starting in October 2000, filling the last two years of Mike Griggs' (EAS 2002 President) term, and then serving another term of my own. My association with EAS has been richly rewarding, affording me the opportunity to meet some of the top names in the industry as well as giving me the benefits of attending the annual conferences every summer.

I remember the first EAS conference I attended at Seven Springs, Pa. in 1997 where I was thrilled to be at such a top-notch conference, hob-knobbing with the elite of the beekeeping community. Now when I attend

the conferences, I am on a first name basis with the same people with whom I was so thrilled to merely be in the same room at that first conference. It was very easy to meet and make friends with the EAS members.

The EAS Board of Directors meets three times annually, spring, summer (at the annual conference) and fall. Attending the board meetings involves some travel and an overnight stay, offset by free pizza and a small stipend towards your room at the spring and fall meeting. EAS is a not for profit organization, so any expenses one incurs as a volunteer are tax deductible.

If you might be interested in a term as NY Director, drop me an email or see me at the picnic. A new director must be nominated by ESHPA, to be approved by the EAS Board at the summer meeting. The rewards of serving are far greater than the effort to serve!

Recapping the Fall Meeting

Whether you were there or not, the fall meeting was a good one. Held December 2nd and 3rd at the Holiday Inn in Syracuse, we were greeted by more than a flurry of snow, but that didn't stop members from getting there or speakers from putting on a great program.

Arriving the night before is always a good idea, to warm things up and meet with folks, some of whom you may not have seen since the summer picnic or possibly even longer than that. Arriving the night before also allows for a good night's sleep and a fresh, leisurely start to the morning, so one can arrive in time for the official opening greetings, which were given by then-President, Bill Crowell.

The opening greetings were followed by Paul Cappy giving an update on the State Apiary Inspection Program. A few highlights of Paul's presentation: Resistant AFB is showing a statistical increase in NY from 2001 o 2005, although the rate of increase is leveling off. In areas of non-resistant AFB, TM is still effective. There have been reports of very hot bees in some locations. Of the 10 incidents reported, 6 warranted testing for Africanized bees, 5 of those tested proved to be European, one case was still out. Editor's note: that case was later confirmed to be Africanized.

Mike Griggs, Entomologist / Support Scientist Plant

Protection Unit, gave a presentation on Metarhizium anisopliae, a fungus showing promise in the war against Varroa, at least in the lab. The take home message I got is it will be a while before there is a viable product to use in the hive. Beekeepers will have to stay the course to win the war on terrorist mites.



In his premier ESHPA appearance, Dr. Jamie Strange presented his studies done in France comparing the local strain of Apis to imported Buckfasts from England. Jamie's studies indicated that the local bee



keeps a different "schedule" than the imports, and there is little likelihood that the different strains will interbreed much, due to the different hours they keep.

While the morning sessions were going on, Della Erickson was busy arranging the annual ESHPA honey show. Entries were due by noon and the judging followed. Winners and

runners up are listed later in this newsletter. Special thanks go to Della and Herman for their effort in the honey show. It adds a nice competition to the annual meeting!

The first afternoon session (never an enviable time slot) was masterfully handled by Jack Thomas, owner of Mann Lake. Jack presented innovations in the marketing of honey. He showed new packaging, that includes a dripless nipple that will put an end to sticky honey dispensers. Jack declared open season on the iconic honey bear!





Marion Ellis, Professor of Entomology, University of Nebraska followed Jack's Presentation. Dr. Ellis updated us on the use of oxalic acid as a treatment for Varroa mites. The trickle treatment of an Oxalic acid/sugar solution delivered during broodless times is proving to be an

effective, inexpensive treatment for Varroa mites. See last fall's newsletter for full details.

Dr. Nicholas Calderone followed Dr. Ellis, updating members on what's new at Dyce Labs. First on his list, as we'd already seen was Dr. Jamie Strange. Hopefully Dr. Strange will be a member of the Dyce Lab team for a long while! Other news reported included the intent to collaborate with the Apiary Industry Advisory Committee and the Department of Agriculture and

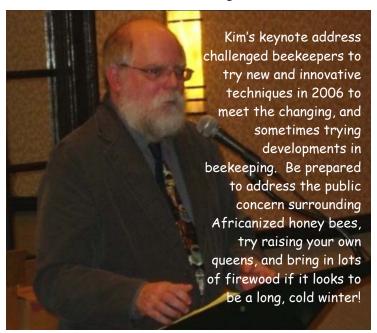
Markets to form a "First Response" plan to address public concerns regarding Africanized honey bees; a mixed review was given to Mite Away II, noting that three weeks of rainy weather did not help with the evaluations; and Tylan has been approved but the label has yet to be written regarding use in honey bee colonies

The remainder of the afternoon was spent on the ESHPA business meeting. One order of business was electing a new slate of officers and directors. The new slate of officers is listed on page 2 of this newsletter. The next order of business was the approval of the amended bylaws and constitution. Much discussion followed, and Amy Wakefield is to be commended for keeping her cool as she presented the proposed bylaws and constitution, which were ultimately passed.



With the conclusion of the business meeting, many (if not all) looked forward to the evening banquet. The meal was a nice buffet, shared with great company. After dinner, Master of

Ceremonies, Greg Kalicin kept things moving at a lively pace, introducing honored members, awarding honey show prizes, and introducing our Keynote Speaker, Kim Flottum, Editor of Bee Culture magazine.



Other notable awards were given to honey show winners, an ESHPA Appreciation award was given to Jim Schuyler for all he's done for ESHPA at the State Fair, and Paul Cappy was honored as **Beekeeper of the Year!**



EMPIRE STATE HONEY PRODUCER'S ASSOCIATION

 Herm Erickson for organizing -and judging the honey show! Special Thanks to Della and 100 2005 Mark Taylor Judy Schuyler BEST OF SHOW IS HIGHEST SINGLE SCORE
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1) FOR COOKING **AWARDS**

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place YEAST BREAD & ROLLS score 1 NO FIRST PLACE 2 Deb Kalicin 85
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... Recapping the Fall Meeting, continued

Thomas Seeley, Professor of Biology, Dept. of Neurobiology & Behavior, Cornell University kicked off Saturday morning with a presentation on forest bees

and Varroa. This was an Dr. update on Seeley's studies of feral colonies in the Arnot Forest, and more specifically how the bees are alive and well, even thriving in the presence of Varroa destructor. What remains unclear is, "What is the mechanism for the seeming tolerance of Varroa by the Arnot honey bees?" Is there something unique about the



Arnot bees? Are the Arnot Forrest mites wimps? Might it merely be that a more random placement of honey bee colonies in and of itself thwarts mite populations? As with most studies, the knowledge gleaned begets more questions. Stay tuned!



Dr. Zachary Huang, Professor, Dept. of Entomology Michigan State University followed, with a presentation on Mechanism of resistance against fluvalinate in Varroa destructor. Truthfully, most of this presentation went over the audience's head, but we were reassured there are

great minds looking into the next generation of Varroa weapons.

About the Picnic

Once again, ESHPA is fortunate to have volunteers willing to host the summer picnic. Special thanks in advance to Andy and Linda Walters!

There was a fair amount of discussion at the spring Board of Directors meeting regarding the picnic, specifically the cost of the event and what to serve. The Board decided that the picnic should be a way to thank Association members for their selfless, dedicated work. ESHPA members have worked hard to grow our coffers and the picnic is a way to give a little back. The pig roast is an added expense for which

Bruce Boynton, CEO of the National Honey Board wrapped up the meeting. He discussed what's happening at the NHB. In spite of the recent, not so



recent and long running controversy, the National Honey Board is alive and well. The NHB continues to promote honey, with the most recently focusing on tail gate parties featuring recipes that use honey. It's always worth the trip surfing to the National Honey Board site at http://www.nhb.org

So that was the fall meeting. If you missed it you missed a good one. Special thanks to all who helped with the arrangements; the organizers, the speakers and the participants. A lot goes in to making a good meeting and ESHPA is fortunate to have so many hard working members and officers striving for the benefit of all!

there will *not* be an added charge. The picnic has been and hopefully will continue to be a free event to thank members for their efforts.

Having said that, we will try to cover some of the costs by holding an auction of items members may be willing to donate. If you have some beekeeping equipment you are not using, bring it to the picnic to donate to the auction. This is an opportunity to get that piece of equipment out of the barn or shed so it won't be in your way when you're trying to get to your stacked supers. Perhaps you no longer use hive feeders because your operation has grown to the size that the only possible way to feed all those bees is barrel feeding. Well, get that stack of hive feeders the heck out of your way! Bring them to the picnic, donate them to the auction and get back the space in your bee barn! Auctioneer Ed Doan will direct all proceeds of the auction towards the cost of the picnic. If you have items you aren't using that another beekeeper will use, please consider donating them to the picnic auction!



This year's ESHPA summer picnic will be hosted by Andy and Linda Walters in Camden, New York on Saturday July 22, 2006. The membership meeting will start at 11:00AM and the lunch will begin around noon. This year the lunch will feature a *pig roast!* Please bring a plate to pass as well as your own table service and your choice of beverage. For you comfort, bring your lawn chairs.

These are the directions to Andy and Linda Walters home at 3023 Waldron Road, Camden, N.Y. 13315

From the East, that is, from Rome going west on Route 69: Just before the Village of Camden, make a right onto Moran Post Road. Continue with Almost There.

From the West on Route 69: Enter Camden and follow 69 out of the village; after crossing a bridge, take the second left onto Moran Post Road. Continue with *Almost There*.

From the South on Route 13: Enter Camden; take a right at the second light and leave the village; take the second left after the bridge onto Moran Post Road. Continue with *Almost There*.

From the North on Route 13: Enter Camden; take a left at the first light and leave the village; take the second left after the bridge onto Moran Post Road. Continue with *Almost There*.

Almost There: Continue on Moran Post Road until the end (about 2 miles); at the T intersection and stop sign, cross the road into Linda's driveway (you cannot see the house from the road, but the numbers 3023 are on the picket fence).

The Walters home phone number is 315-245-2289; Andy's cell 315-335-4065; Linda's cell 315-335-9333.



Skilled chefs will prepare the main dish!

Don't forget to bring sides to share, your own
place settings, and lawn chairs!





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If anyone is interested Call Jeana Manjamelli at 585-742-6320 or Cell 585-261-0846

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