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Blessed Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and
Healthy New Year to all our Members and
Friends

Editorial

To my fellow beekeepers and good friends, It has been my privilege to provide a newsletter for our association for the past twenty four years. I have been assisted during those years by a number of valuable associates. I hope that our “Buzzer” will continue for years to come.

It has been said many times that a newsletter is often the “glue” that holds a likeminded group together. I don’t believe that for a moment because it takes much more than that, including good people who actually like one another, who like working together, and have a mission beyond themselves. We have all of that and much more going back to our founders almost half a century ago. Although new methods of communication have risen to prominence in recent years, association newsletters remain the primary record of who’s who, what has been accomplished and sometimes good advice.

For many years our meetings and field days have been a rich source of mutual help to new and experienced members. Our participation in the Harford Agricultural Fair has been a strong outreach to young and old on behalf of honey bees and beekeeping. We seldom hear about our beekeepers who mentor eager new novices, help out sick or aging members. For more than twenty years our school and home school program, as well as our school field days have probably been unmatched in the commonwealth for outreach spanning at least two generations of children. Our investment fund through the community foundation promises to be an ever growing source of scholarships for young people. Keep up the good work! R.C.C.





The students at Mt. View wrote thank you letters to Mr. Chapin, Mr. Barber, Mr. Wood & Mrs. Congdon. The enthusiasm shows in all of the letters but a few lines below for you to see how they learned so much in a short program.

The queen bee has a speshle stink and it goes to all the baby bees and when there is danger they releas the stink and fan it and what ever the danger is that they can get rid of it. ~ name not signed

I lreand that the bees do a spesel dance when they find flowers and they can poynt to whar they are. ~ Halley

Facts about bees that I know. 1. Bees do not hibernat they crowd into a big circle. 2. They road a ship with the pilgeroms. 3. They colect pollen from flowers. ~ Tori

You taught me that bees have more than 2 eyes and honey bees flew with the Pilgrahams. There are different kinds of bees including funeral bees. ~ Cheyenne

I also learnd that bees can be sick. I also learend that bees have a peffum. I also learend that bees fan the peffum in to other bees if there is a intruder and they can't defend the hive also. ~ Vincent

My favorite facts was that drones are lazey. The coolest one is that the queen lays 1,000 eggs a day. The funest one was when I got to carry the sick bee out the door. In the future I want to be a beekeeper becasue it looks fun. ~ Cullen

What inspired you guys to be a beekeeper? What year did you guys start having bee's? Where do you have your bee's? ~ Kara

Thank you please come again.

SBA Meeting Minutes ~ September 14, 2018

Number in Attendance: 27

Dave Taylor, President: Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Treasurer report - Checkbook balance to date - \$7649.79. Report accepted. Kathy had received and read a thank you note from the Harford Fairgrounds personnel.

No More Old Business.

New Business:Catherine Hynes will research library sources such as DVD's & other honey bee related materials to update the SBA Library. She to bring her findings to the Board meeting.

Richard Chapin had ordered and received the books to be donated at the honey bee program for schools.

Dave Taylor thanked everyone who participated in making a success for SBA during Harford Fair Week. Arlene asked about the possibility of having the SBA daily educational presentations printed in the Harford Fair pamphlet. This to be checked on for next year.

Ginny Wood talked about the PSBA Conference and encouraged everyone to attend; also explained to 1st time attendees to the conference about SBA reimbursing them for the banquet part of the conference.

Dave has information for members who may want to be on the swarm list for Mann Lake. Also, he asked if any of the members' bees had swarmed (yes, more than several said they had).

The Honey Hut (during fair week) winner for the hive kit went to Linda Dymond; the kit was donated by Mann Lake and donations brought \$113 towards the scholarship fund. Dave will notify her re: the prize.

Ginny Wood reminded everyone that the annual SBA dues to be paid by October 31. Also, dues can be paid along with dinner/reservation. Details/info will be forthcoming soon.

Dave mentioned we needed more than one observation hive for the fair week.

Earl Villecco being a member of STBA, too, talked about their upcoming meeting on October 2nd; Frank Licata of SBA will be speaker for that evening. Earl will have information forwarded to SBA about attending.

Jim Moronski will be working in his hives soon and will probably have extra queens. He asked that Ginny send the information if he has extras.

Lori Wallace (Master Gardener & SBA Facebook coordinator) presented the program "Pollinator Preferences". The gardeners maintain a garden at the fair and 2 gardens at the PA Extension office site. This program was most informative. You may contact Lori for more information in planting for pollination. Charts and plants fliers were sent around for the members viewing. A summary report was available to take home. There were many Q&A at this time.

Lori had Information leaflets about the Spotted Lantern Fly; she informed us to watch and report if see them. They aren't really a fly, but are very, very dangerous to the plants!

Winter Prep was an informal round house discussion of Q&A's.

Jim Kugler talked about an APP on his phone that keeps him informed of many facets in his hives. He mentioned that he can know the temperature among other things within the hives by using this APP. This is the 1st year Jim is using this APP so will have more information next spring.

Next meeting date is: October 12, 2018 - 7:00 P.M. - Wyoming Conservation District Building, 21 Hollow Crest Rd. Tunkhannock, PA.

No more business at this time for the good of the club.

Meeting adjourned. Ginny Wood, Acting Secretary

Refreshments by Arlene Taiariol & Ginny Wood



**SBA Annual Dinner Banquet/Meeting (Springville
United Methodist Church) October 27, 2018**

Number in Attendance: 36 out (44 paid reservations)

Ginny Wood: Registration

Dave Taylor, President: Welcome and thanks

Jim Barber: Prayer before dinner

Dave Taylor: Thanked the ladies for preparation and serving a very good dinner. SBA is welcome to have their dinner meeting here in 2019.

James Wood, Nominating Committee for election: Frank Licata: President; Vice President: Richard Sheldon; Secretary: Kristie Congdon; Financial Secretary: Arlene Taiariol; Treasurer: Kathleen Swepston was nominated at this time. Open Nominations: There being no other nominations - motion was made & seconded for nominations to be closed. The vote was called for and cast by Ginny Wood, Acting Secretary. Directors: Jim Perkins, Aubrey Elbrecht, Ginny Wood and Jim Moronski. Past Presidents: Jim Barber, John Brunner, Richard Chapin, James Wood, Dave Taylor.

Jim Barber presented Dave Taylor, outgoing president, with a gift certificate from Mann Lake in appreciation for his 4 years of service to SBA.

Earl Villecco invited all to the Southern Tier Beekeepers Association dinner meeting on November 10, 2018. Further details will be forthcoming via e-mail.

Jim Perkins: Conducted awarding of door prizes.

Dave Taylor: Asked that everyone retire to the church sanctuary for the evening presentation.

Jim Perkins introduced speaker for the evening: Dr. Margarita Lopez-Uribe; Dr. Uribe received her bachelor's degree in biology from Universidad de los Andes (Colombia), her master's degree in genetics and evolution from Universidade Federal de São Carlos (Brazil), and her Ph.D. in entomology from Cornell University. Margarita was an NSF Postdoctoral Fellow at North Carolina State University for two years. Afterwards, she transitioned to the Pennsylvania State University as an assistant professor of entomology.

Her talk was about feral bees and her research program focusing on how beekeeping management practices impact honey bee health and host-pathogen dynamics in honey bees. Overall, these different lines of research comprise relevant topics for bee conservation and health while advancing our understanding of basic ecological and evolutionary processes of pollinators. Questions were asked & Dr. Uribe answered during the talk.

Dave then thanked everyone again for coming out for the evening.

Ginny Wood, SBA/PR

In Memory of our
long time member
and fellow
beekeeper
David Smith.
May he rest in
peace

Board Meeting
Minutes –
October 13, 2018



President Dave Taylor presiding
Treasury Report to date: \$7518.39 including \$310 to the scholarship fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Moronski has spoken with his business accountant regarding tax status and constitution wording for Susquehanna Beekeepers Association (SBA). Motion was made by James Wood & seconded by Richard Sheldon that Jim Moronski research and do preliminary work with his accountant concerning the above mentioned.

Ginny Wood would like to see that some of the constitution be updated to reflect the changing times. Also, the dues wording needs to be more explicit; print-out (3/10/17) on hand doesn't show the dues as voted on in October, 2017.

Jim Moronski asserted that SBA needs a P.O. box; decision from board to have this in Montrose. Ginny to check on this.

Fair Week – okay to have competition ribbons show with honey when won by the salesperson during fair week in the Honey Hut – there can be potential to encourage other members to become involved. Maybe have award winning stickers, etc.; hive donations were good this year because the hive was mentioned more to customers by volunteers; preferred registry was talked about; sample tasting needs to be moved to a more accessible location; mention of having need for forwarding advertisement; and the need for improving the honey hut use.

Kathy Swepston, treasurer, to send \$300 towards the Honey Queen Program Fund.

Dave Taylor said the speaker fee had been decided as \$300.

There was some talk about advertising the annual dinner for the public.

Dr. Lopez-Uribe's subject of talk will be on feral bees at the October 27th dinner/meeting.

Jim Perkins said all is in place for the raffle.

The SBA Scholarship Fund is on hold for further study along with the accounting research.

Richard Chapin is retiring as founding editor of the Buzzer after 24 years. He recommends appointment of a successor under Article III, Sec. B of the constitution, and will turn over cyber & printed copies of every past issue.

The Adult School in September, 2018 had 12 students for the beekeeping classes with 10 actually attending.

Catherine Hynes presented a summary of books & DVD's to update the SBA library. Suggestion was made that SBA become involved with the Susquehanna County Library System (namely Montrose) to have a section about beekeeping and SBA would manage this with a donation; where as the SBA members would have more availability & access to beekeeping related resources & information. Jim Moronski offered to look into this.

(The question to be asked at the next meeting will be whether the members will take the opportunity to go to the library for this information.)

Nothing further at this time; meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Ginny Wood

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10/24 Lathrop St., Montrose 4th grade
11/7 Mt. View 4th grade
11/13 Choconut 5th grade
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We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.

AZ QUOTES



From the conclusion of **Daniel Webster's 1820 Plymouth Oration** at the 200th Anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth Rock:

“Advance, then, ye future generations! We would hail you, as you rise in your long succession, to fill the places which we now fill, and to taste the blessings of existence where we are passing, and soon shall have passed, our own human duration. We bid you welcome to this pleasant land of the fathers. We bid you welcome to the healthful skies and the verdant fields.... We greet your accession to the great inheritance which we have enjoyed. We welcome you to the blessings of good government and religious liberty. We welcome you to the treasures of science and the delights of learning. We welcome you to the transcendent sweetness of domestic life, to the happiness of kindred, and parents, and children. We welcome you to the immeasurable blessings of rational existence, the immortal hope of Christianity, and the light of everlasting truth!!”