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**ALERT !!!
MEETING THIS WEEK !!!**

*Thank you to everyone who
entered our annual honey
competition at the Harford Fair
Your participation is in the best
tradition of beekeeping*

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Claverack Meeting Room
unless noted otherwise

Sept. 14 Friday at 7:00 PM Meeting

Oct. 13 Board Meeting

Oct. 27 Sat. at 6:00 PM Annual Dinner,
Election & Guest Speaker

2018 Honey Judging

Light Extracted

- 1st James Mislevy – Best of Show
2nd Kathleen Swepston
3rd Dave Taylor
HM John Kantz

Amber Extracted

- 1st Kathleen Swepston – Judges Delight
2nd James Mislevy
3rd Catherine Hynes

Dark Extracted

- 1st James Mislevy
2nd Dave Taylor

Honey Spread

- 1st Catherine Hynes

Cut Comb

- 1st John Bruner

Chunk Honey

- 1st John Bruner

Frame of Honey

- 1st Dave Taylor

Collective Exhibits

- 1st Clara Grube
2nd Jean Grube

Judges Jim Perkins & Jim Barber

Steward Marcia Perkins

Baked Goods Judging

Cookies

- 1st Ann Taylor
2nd James Mislevy
3rd Kristen Burkhart
HM Sylinda Alfred

Yeast Breads and Rolls

- 1st Felicia Sheridan – Judges Delight
2nd Else Brunner
3rd Ann Taylor
HM Kristen Burkhart
HM Catherine Hynes

Honey Oat Muffins

- 1st John Kantz – Best of Show
2nd Ann Taylor

Fudge

- 2nd Ann Taylor

Judges Marcia Perkins & Jim Barber



ATTENDEES: Dave Taylor, Jim Barber, Aubrey Elbrecht, Jim Perkins, Richard Sheldon, Richard Chapin, Ginny Wood, James Wood, Jim Moronski, John Brunner, Brad Seward, John Kantz, Jim Mislevy, Sharon Mislevy, Holly Haynes, Kristie Congdon, Arlene Taiariol, Joe Taiariol, Earl Villecco, Catherine Hynes

Meeting opened at 12 Noon by Dave Taylor.

1. Treasurer's Report sent from Kathy Swepston (read by Dave Taylor): \$4025.94 balance in checkbook to date.
2. Reading of the June minutes dispensed as they had been printed in the Buzzer and read before-hand.
3. There will be a mandatory vendor meeting on August 19, 2018 - 3:00 P.M. A representative from each vendor participating in the Harford Fair week is to attend. Jim Moronski will be attending from SBA.
2. Fair Honey Prices - Suggestion to keep the pricing the same as 2017. All in favor.
3. A slate of officers & new directors were presented by Dick Chapin in behalf of the nominating committee as follows: President - Frank Licata; Vice President - Richard Sheldon; Secretary - Kristie Congdon; Treasurer - Kathy Swepston; Financial Secretary - Arlene Taiariol.
Directors: Aubrey Elbrecht; Jim Moronski; Jim Perkins; Ginny Wood; Honorary director: Junie Ely.
Past Presidents: Jim Barber, John Brunner, Richard Chapin, Dave Taylor, James Wood.
4. Kathy had received information re: Beautification Contest sponsored by the Harford Fair Youth. Decision for SBA to enter is yes. Ideas were asked for and several suggestions presented, i.e., photos & short bio from members to be posted (as in years past); Arlene (as second longest member of SBA) has photos in albums that she offered to share; James has Wyoming Co. Youth Field Days "thank you booklets" to share. These items are part of SBA's story.
5. Glass queen line jars were distributed as needed to anyone who would like to enter the honey competition. August 1st is the deadline for entry application!
6. James has 2 wooden rack type holders to hang on the wall for holding the catalogs instead of putting them on the counter top (where difficult to see). The graduated file holders that had been used may then be used in another capacity.

Thank you to all who participated for a job well done. Meeting adjourned 12:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Wood, FS/SBA, Acting Secretary

A hearty “THANK YOU” to all who helped during Fair Week

Rob Alfred		GAZEBO PRESENTERS
Jim Barber		Jim Barber
John Brunner		John Brunner
Aubrey Elbrecht		Aubrey Elbrecht
Sandy Elbrecht		John Fiore
John Fiore		Catherine Hynes
Virginia Fiore		Jim Perkins
Holly Haynes		Dave Taylor
Catherine Hynes		Honey Queen, Hanna Albright
John Kantz		
Frank Licata		
Jim Mislevy		
Sharon Mislevy		
Jim Moronski		
Jim Perkins		
Dan Petrolati		
Brad Seward		
Richard Sheldon		
Kathy Swepston		
Joe Taiariol		
Arlene Taiariol		
Dave Taylor		
Earl Villecco		



Hannah's first bee beard



Bee craft at Immanuel Preschool



27 new bee viruses discovered. To read the open access article, visit: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-27164-z> - from ABJ Extra 6/21/18

Another good article sent by Laura Gingher
<https://www.npr.org/2018/06/07/617863467/math-bee-honeybees-seem-to-understand-the-notion-of-zero>

The Susquehanna Beekeepers Association stressed getting entries entered in the Harford Fair in the Apiary Products Division.

The winners are shown in this newsletter.

A total of \$92 was awarded in prizes out of an available \$289.

Yes, almost \$200 was left on the table because no one entered in several classes.

No entries were submitted in the beeswax classes.

Extracted honey was well represented, but comb honey was not.

We need to make a greater effort to make entries next year to maintain our presence in the fair.

We could lose our shelving for lack of participation.

COMMENTARY

Apologies from your editor for the partly disjointed appearance of recent and present copies the Buzzer. For 30+ years Apple has had great word processing programs for the use of users with simple newsletters. That is no longer true. One has to be a technical “nerd” to be able to cope with complicated, unfriendly innovations. With many years of experience with this product, frustration is unfortunately now the norm, and “we” apologize for the results.

Beloved Earth

Of all the cosmic places where
we might have had our birth,
I'm very glad mankind can live
on this, beloved, Earth.

Upon this planet, many things
unique in all of space
exalt and bless this lovely world,
a gift of God's good grace.

Where else but Earth do eagles fly
and songbirds herald spring?
Where else do otters swim and play
or whales decide to sing?

What other planet, deep in night,
has fireflies fill the breeze
or spreads the life from plant to plant
with many, busy bees?

On other worlds, you'll never find
a tall sequoia tree
or vast, unbroken, grasslands where
wild horses still roam free.

The fragrances of flowers fill
our air with lovely scents.
No planetoid we find will have
such sweet accouterments.

Whatever places we might find
when we explore so far
I'm sure will pale to what we have
exactly where we are.

Dedicated to my niece, Carolyn Chapin
Steven Chapin
April 27, 2018

**PA State Beekeepers 2018 Conference
Friday & Saturday
November 2nd & 3rd**

Ramada State College Hotel & Conference
Center
14650 Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801

See the PSBA newsletter of Sept. 2018 for the
program on page 4 and
registration form on page 23
Register by mail, not online

Comment in 1774 by apiarist Rev. John Thorley
Beekeeping "is a means of discovering the hand
of God in nature."

COMING HOME



Bee Landing Board

Photographer unknown

*Poem entitled "Beloved Earth", by the
editor's nephew, NY State civil engineer,
includes a phrase about our own "beloved
honey bees".*

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General meeting FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 7:00 P.M.

At Claverack Building –
Rt. 706 – Montrose



Topics: 'Penn State's Pollinator Preferences Project' with Lori Wallace, Master Gardener & SBA Facebook Coordinator AND Winter Prep with Q&A time.

Contact: Jim Perkins:
570-967-2634

Please see the minutes from Clean-up Day July, 2018 on page 3

Coming up: SBA yearly dues are: November 1 thru' October 31 of following year. Check your card for expiration date...and

The annual dinner/meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2018 (more details will be forthcoming at a later date).

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SBA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION **SBA Membership Year- Nov. 1 to Oct. 31**

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First year \$15.00 Every year following \$10.00

Life Membership \$100.00 for each beekeeper

Honorary membership for ongoing members at
70 years of age

Membership dues are due by October 31st

Late payments revert to first time membership
fee \$15.00

Optional – PA State Beekeepers dues: \$20.00
(PSBA can be paid through our
SBA Financial Sec.)

Payment by check or money order to:

Susquehanna Beekeepers Assoc.

% Ginny Wood, Fin. Sec.

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War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.

— John Stuart Mill