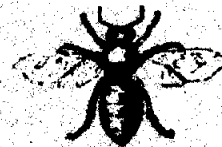


Red River Apiarists' Association

# Bee Cause



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*Its Honey Show time again...*

## Meeting Location

**River Heights Community Center**

**1370 Grosvenor St.  
(intersection of Oak & Grosvenor)**

## Meeting Date

**October 10th**

**7:30 PM in the upstairs meeting room**

**Guest speaker(s):**

Some of our club experts

**Topic(s):**

Preparation of entries for the Honey Show.

Guests are always welcome and coffee will be served as usual, byob&b's :)

**RRAA Website URL:**

<http://www.granite.mb.ca/~rwayne/RRAA.html>

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## *President's Message*

Sure was nice to have a friendly discussion type meeting last month. Those attending were advised that I had changed the topic for the evening. Not too many were upset as they recognized the importance of the fall medication and the fact that we can still talk about honey preparation at our next meeting.

In my discussions and visits to some apiary sites in September, it became quite obvious that fall feeding and medication talks are still valid. Some colonies are going into the cool season with little food reserves and even smaller amounts of pollen than I remember seeing in past years. The cooler weather has created a bigger challenge for us all. In addition, for those finding varroa in their hives, it is very important to do a quick count. Once determining the extent of the infestation, you must determine the treatment. The few days of warm weather during September made it much easier to use the Apistan strips and have good evaporation during the 20 degree days.

Some of you have reported disastrous honey crops due to the rain flooding fields. Hopefully you still can set aside some for our Honey Show. At the last meeting Ted described some new ideas for the table layout. It would be nice to see if we can increase the traffic flow through our booth. This may stimulate more sales and activities. Ted will seek helpers at the October meeting. This may be a good time to get involved and have a great time meeting and assisting the public.

As we move along into October, the scenery around us is changing. Tree leaves are gone, and our bees are searching for more nectar and pollen, as our colonies cluster for over wintering. Just a reminder again, air circulation is important for the hives, so make sure there is a top air vent for each colony.

Our November meeting is typically a year end wind-up social type event. Watch for some ideas on what this will be like this year. Also, In November we will be establishing a nominating committee for the 2001 elections. If you have a desire to help out with the organization, let me know, and we will work at a plan to get you more involved.

Have a great October 10th meeting !!!

Jim Campbell

## **BEEmasters** **2001 SHORT COURSE**

**Monday - Saturday, Feb. 26 - Mar. 3, 2001**  
**Simon Fraser University,**  
**Burnaby, BC, Canada**

This week-long , intensive course combines illustrated lectures, laboratory periods, social events and an optional final examination on Saturday, March 3rd. Participation is limited to 50.

This is an advanced level course, and participants will be expected to have kept bees and have some knowledge about bees and beekeeping. Topics include: spring, summer and fall management, queen rearing, bee poisoning, bee behaviour, hive products, adult bee diseases, exotic mites, nucleus production, Africanized bees, bee brood diseases, pollination, and much more. Invited guest lecturers will also bring with them their specialized knowledge and interests. The cost is \$200 (Canadian).

Lecturers for the 2001 course include Dewey Caron, Don Dixon, Mark Winston, Paus van Westendorp, Doug McCutcheon, and many others.

**For further program and registration information contact:**

Christine Dempster (604)291-3012 or (604)291-4910, Conference Services, The Halpern Centre, Simon Fraser University, 888 University Drive, Burnaby, BC CANADA V5A 1S6

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For the most current program information, check out the website at

<http://www.sfu.ca/beemasters2001/>

## **CANADIAN WESTERN** **Agribition** **2000 Honey Show** **Competition**

Manitoba beekeepers are invited to participate in the honey show competition. Exhibits are to arrive AFTER October 1, 2000 and not later than 12 noon on November 6, 2000. Judging will take place on Thursday, November 9th, 2000.

Entry fees are \$5.00 per class. Interested persons should call Alvey Halbgewachs at: Office (306)525-5871  
Home (306)757-3147.

**OR**

Ron Rudiak, Box 1448, Steinbach, MB. R0A 2A0.  
Phone (204)326-3763

# Red River Apiarists' Association

## *Minutes of the Regular Meeting*

### September 12, 2000

The **regular meeting** of the Red River Apiarists' Association was held at the River Heights Community Club on September 12, 2000.

**Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.**

Jim circulated a meeting agenda.

#### **Old & New Business**

Jim announced that, Larry Giguere, one of our long-time members had passed away. The funeral is scheduled to take place at 10:00 AM, Thursday, September 14, in Christ the King church, 847 St. Mary's Ave. in Winnipeg.

**Motion:** That the RRAA send a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in lieu of sending flowers for Larry Giguere's funeral. **Carried**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Honey Show:** Jim Campbell confirmed the location for the Manitoba Honey Show at the St. Vital Shopping Centre for October 27 to 29. It will be adjacent to the Additionelle location.

Ted Rebenchuk, honey show chairman and Jim Campbell have made arrangements for some of the decorations. More items of beekeeping equipment are requested from the membership. Ted can be reached at (204) 268-1892. Russel Martin indicated that he has lighting available for the show honey display.

Ron Rudiak has contacted the St. Vital Agricultural society to let them know that baking entries will be accepted on Saturday of the honey show. Ron Rudiak will contact Charles Polcyn who may have a bee suit and extractor for display. Other items of equipment may be available from the Co-Op. A volunteer sign up sheet will be available for the October meeting. The phoning committee will contact our members two weeks before the honey show for any additional volunteers which may be required.

It was suggested that table rentals remain at \$50.00/table for the honey show.

Ray Kozak has ordered a supply of prize ribbons for the Honey Show.

**Motion:** (Donna Hourd - Ron Rudiak) That \$100 be made available to the honey show committee to purchase supplies for the 2000 honey show. **Carried**

**Motion:** (Gilles Lantagne - Donna Hourd) That RRAA supply 375 ml jars for the honey competition to those requiring them. They will be available at the Co-Op. Jim Campbell to arrange with bee supplies at the Co-Op. **Carried**

**Regina Agribition:** Ron Rudiak will make an application available in the *Bee Cause* for the honey section of the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina.

**MBA Representative:** - Jim Campbell reported that there is a problem with TM resistance in foulbrood in Alberta. Jim urged everyone to follow the recommendations which have been made available through Manitoba Agriculture to avoid a similar situation here.

The annual MBA business meeting will be held on Nov. 27th at the Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Ave. Winnipeg. The MBA Convention will be held in Winnipeg on February 5 & 6.

Each committee of the MBA has been requested to produce a budget for operations.

Ron Rudiak (Secretary - RRAA)

**Red River Apiarists' Association**  
***Minutes of the Executive Meeting***  
**Sept. 19, 2000**

The executive meeting of the Red River Apiarists' Association was held at Perkins restaurant, Kildonan Crossing, 1615 Regent Avenue with Jim Campbell, Dennis Ross and Ron Rudiak present.

**Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

**Old and New Business**

For the October meeting the topic will be the preparation of honey for entry in competitions.

Door prizes are stored with Dennis Ross.

**Committee Reports:**

**Manitoba Honey Show Oct. 27 - 29, Kildonan Place:**

The members present discussed the bee equipment display and number of display tables needed. Vendor tables will be available for \$50 per table for the three days. Dennis Ross will have about 20 unpainted supers for use in displaying the honey for sale. Dennis Ross will arrange with the Co-Op to have a supply of jars available for members to use for their show honey because it was felt that some of our beekeepers do not keep a stock of the required 375 ml. jars on hand. These jars will be paid for by the RRAA.

**Kildonan Place Honey and honey bee promotion, Oct. 13 - 15**

Jim Campbell has arranged for the RRAA to promote honey at Kildonan Place. Promotional displays and a few beekeepers are needed to demonstrate beekeeping activities to mall shoppers. It would be preferable to have at least two vendors available to sell graded honey.

Jim will contact Rheal Lafreniere regarding the use of the promotional display stand for Kildonan Place.

Ron Rudiak will contact the vendors and make sure that Kildonan Place gets a copy of the insurance policy.

Vendor tables will be available for \$50 per table for the three days.

**Nominating Committee:**

A committee will be set up at the October executive meeting.

**New Business:**

The date of the next regular meeting is October 10, 2000.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Ron Rudiak (Secretary - RRAA)

**MANITOBA HONEY SHOW**  
**OCTOBER 27 - 29, 2000**  
**ST. VITAL SHOPPING CENTRE**  
**1225 ST. MARY'S ROAD**  
**WINNIPEG, MANITOBA**

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

1. Competitions in Class 1 and Class 2 shall be open to residents of Canada who are bona fide beekeepers registered with the Department of Agriculture in the Province where their bees are kept. Class 1 and Class 2 entries must be 2000 production and from the exhibitors' own apiaries. Class 3: "**Honey Baking Competition**" is open to everybody.
2. An exhibitor will be allowed only one entry in each section of each class. An exhibitor is defined as one beekeeping operation, which includes other family members that share equipment or extraction facilities for entries in Class 1 and Class 2 only.
3. Exhibitors must state the name and complete address correctly on the entry form and must also attach a tag to each entry parcel giving the name and address of the exhibitor. The name and address tag will be removed before the entry is judged. To avoid confusion in case the tag becomes destroyed, a plain sealed envelope containing similar information should be placed inside each parcel. Parcels sent by mail should be marked **FRAGILE**. Entries will be cared for and entered in the proper classes.
4. Honey entry deadline (for Class 1 and Class 2) is 4:00 P.M., Thursday October 26, 2000. There is no entry fee. Honey entries should be sent to: **MANITOBA HONEY SHOW, c/o 625 Roseberry Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0T4. ENTRIES SHOULD NOT ARRIVE BEFORE OCTOBER 23, 2000.** Entries for the Honey Baking categories must be delivered directly to the St. Vital Shopping Centre by 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, October 28, 2000.
5. Judging for Class 1 and 2 entries will take place before October 27, 2000. Judging for Class 3 entries will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2000 at the St. Vital Shopping Centre.
6. The judges shall rule any contestant ineligible if the entry fails to comply with the exhibit rules or is not attractively displayed.
7. Awards will be made by a scale of points and, in case of a tie, the highest score for flavour will be awarded the prize.
8. Baked goods will be offered as promotional samples during the Honey Show. Winning entries in the honey classes will be used as prizes for the baking competition. One jar of honey from the winning entries may be returned to producers upon request. All other entries must be picked up by 4:00 P.M., Sunday, October 29, 2000 or they will become the property of the Red River Apiarist Association and will be donated to Winnipeg Harvest food bank.
9. There are a limited number of openings for beekeepers (vendors) to sell honey or related beekeeping products. To be eligible, a vendor must be a member in good standing of the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association or the Red River Apiarists' Association and also be registered with Agriculture Canada as a Producer-Grader and abide by the current Honey Regulations. Those wishing to be vendors must contact Jim Campbell (204) 467-5246 or Rhéal Lafrenière (204) 945-4825 by **October 20, 2000.**

# **MANITOBA HONEY SHOW**

## **Competition CLASSES**

### **CLASS 1**

1. Liquid Honey, White, totaling not less than 4 - 500 g glass or clear plastic jars.
2. Liquid Honey, Sunflower, totaling not less than 4 - 500 g glass or clear plastic jars.
3. Granulated Honey, White, totaling not less than 4 - 500 g glass or clear plastic jars.
4. Beeswax - 2 kg in one cake or not more than 5 cakes.

### **CLASS 2**

1. Chunk Honey - totaling not less than 4 - 500 g glass or clear plastic jars, each containing one or more pieces of comb honey and the jars filled with liquid white honey.
2. Buckwheat Honey - totaling not less than 4 - 500 g glass or clear plastic jars.
3. Frame of Honey - one completely capped frame of white honey.
4. Comb Honey - totaling not less than 4 pieces of either comb honey sections or cut comb honey in individual containers.
5. Open Basic - any color - totaling not less than 2 glass or clear plastic containers approximately 500 g in size. (must not be duplicate of/similar colour to, your entry in any other class1/2 category )

### **CLASS 3**

1. Honey Baking Competition - 3 categories - each entry must have a typed recipe attached.  
A) Cakes    B) Cookies    C) Other

The exhibitor winning the greatest number of points in the Honey Division (Classes 1 and 2) will be declared the CHAMPION EXHIBITOR of the Manitoba Honey Show. Points are awarded as follows:

<b>PRIZE</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
FIRST	3
SECOND	2
THIRD	1

# MANITOBA HONEY SHOW

## JUDGING STANDARDS

<b>LIQUID HONEY POINTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>CHUNK</b>	<b>HONEY</b>
Appearance and uniformity of containers	5	Appearance and uniformity of containers	5
Uniform level of fill	5	Uniform level of fill	5
Colour	5	Uniformity of honey - both liquid and comb	5
Freedom from crystals	15	Freedom from crystals in both comb and liquid portions	15
Freedom from foreign material	15	Freedom from foreign material	15
Freedom from air bubbles either in suspension or as froth	15	Freedom from air bubbles either in suspension or as a froth	15
Uniformity of honey	5	Flavour and aroma	10
Brightness	10	Neatness of cut edges of comb honey pieces	15
Flavour and aroma	10	Completeness of fill and completeness of cappings on comb honey pieces	15
Density	15		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>		
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<b>GRANULATED HONEY</b>			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>
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		<b>COMB HONEY</b>	
Appearance and uniformity of containers	5	Quality and uniformity of wooden sections	5
Uniform level of fill	5	Cleanliness of wooden sections	10
Colour	5	Completeness of fill appropriate to section used	20
Firmness of set	15	Completeness of capping	10
Freedom from foreign material	15		
Freedom from froth and frosting	15		



Uniformity of honey entry including texture	10
Flavour and aroma	10
Texture of granulation (smooth and fine)	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>
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**OPEN BASIC**

Flavour and aroma	50
Freedom from foreign material	20
Moisture content	20
Freedom from froth	5
Uniformity of colour	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

Cleanliness and appearance of cappings	20
Quality and flavour	20
Uniformity of comb sections including honey	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>
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**BEESWAX**

Colour	30
Cleanliness (free from honey and impurities)	35
Uniformity of appearance	20
Freedom from cracking and shrinkage	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**INVITATION TO PACKERS**

Registered Packer - Producers are invited to sell their products at two promotions during October. A variety of items can include Christmas packs, comb honey, candles, and the usual range of creamed and liquid honeys. Ted Rebenchuk will accept responses for sales items for the Honey Promotions at Kildonan Place October 13-15, and the Manitoba Honey Show at St. Vital Centre October 27-29.

Call Ted at 268-1892, or Ron Rudiak at 326-3763

# MANITOBA HONEY SHOW

## 2000 ENTRY FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Don Dixon, Secretary  
Manitoba Honey Show  
625 Roseberry Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R3G 0T4

I hereby enter for competition, the exhibits herein described, at the Manitoba Honey Show. I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the Honey Show and agree to be governed by them. I understand there is no fee. I understand that the exhibits must be submitted by 4:00 P.M., Thursday, October 26, 2000.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Class Name & Number of Section

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Exhibits must reach 625 Roseberry Street by 4:00 P.M., Thursday, October 26, 2000. All exhibits not picked up by 4:00 P.M., Sunday, October 29, 2000 will become the property of the Red River Apiarists' Association and will be donated to a charity.