

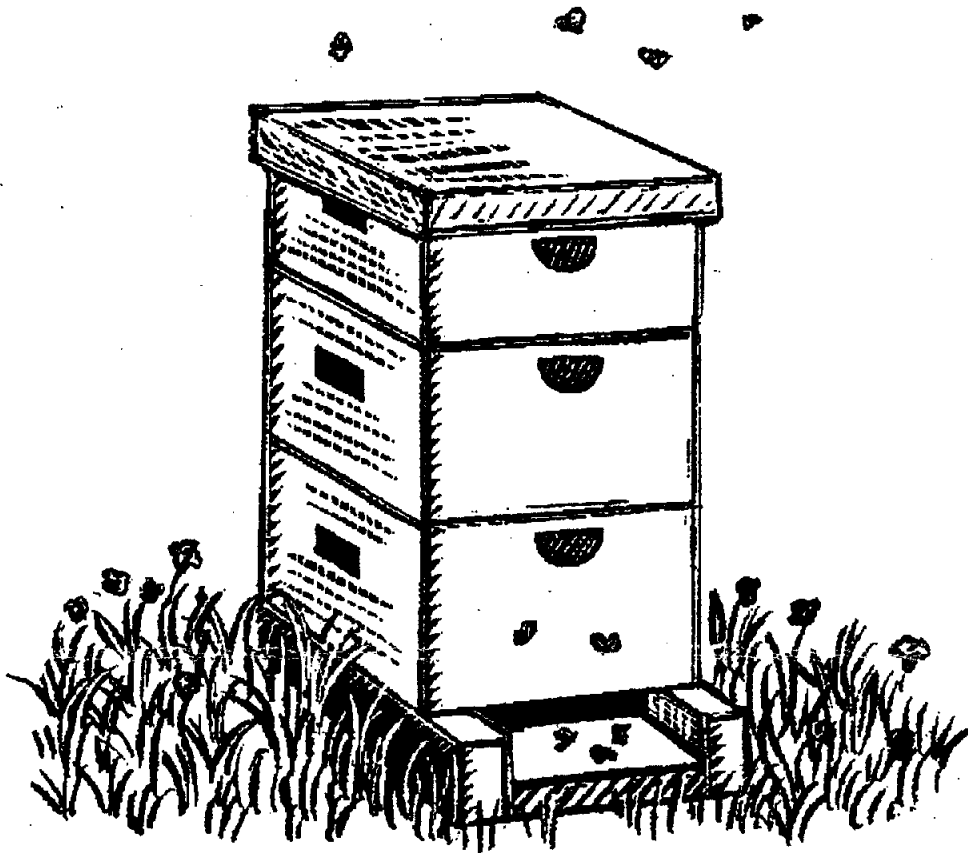
Red River Apiarists' Association

Bee Cause



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The picture says it all...

Meeting Location

River Heights Community Center

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

Meeting Date

February 13th

7:30 PM in the upstairs meeting room

Guest speaker(s):

Dr. Zennon Sonowski

Topic(s):

Propolis: "Good for You"

Door Prize: Glass Bee Hive Jar

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 Comments

Lively discussions continue to be the encouraged norm, with over 25 people attending the first meeting of 2001! Although we may not be able to answer everyone's specific issue, we guarantee that other beekeepers willingly offer ideas to help provoke thinking, and identifying the many choices we have in our favorite industry. There was lots of ideas presented at our January meeting!! Ron has captured the suggestions in the minutes elsewhere in this newsletter. Please feel free to let us know of any other topics desired.

Nominations for 2001 have been postponed until our February meeting. As a result of other meeting delays, we were not able to present the information last month. We look forward to a SUPER bunch of people to lead the RRAA's Thirty Eighth year. Sometimes it can feel a bit scary to lead an inquisitive group like ours, yet we know that it can also lead to many great friendships.

The Beekeeping Course has begun at U of M, and perhaps we will be able to interest some of these students in joining our discussions and meetings.

Hopefully many of you will have been able to attend the Manitoba Beekeepers Association Convention on February 8 & 9, 2001, at the Radisson Hotel, here in Winnipeg. Lots of great topics planned. The panel discussion is always interesting also.

Surprise, Surprise, a favorite past time is fast approaching---TAX Time. I started my preparations on a program called "Quick Tax". This program includes sheets for both Farming and other Busi-

ness. I love the planning tool which lets me see tax figures for various options I am considering . Whatever your situation and case, be sure to keep good records to support any audit questions.

Hope to see you at our February meeting!

Editor's Note

Well I see this may be my last newsletter I'll have to do, YAHOO !!! If it is its been a slice of life I'll remember for a LONG time, if it isn't we'll see you next month eh.

I've published the financial report for the year 2000 as received from Treasurer Dennis Ross on pages 7, 8 and 9. Also on page 10 the membership application renewal form has been incorporated into the newsletter this year. I left the back side of it on page 9 blank so it can be detached without disturbing the rest of the content of the publication.

I had an interesting article I received from Ron Rudiak on propolis which would have coincided nicely with the meeting topic this month, but space constrains this month make it a publication for next month I guess.

Later Ron

Red River Apiarists' Association

Minutes of the Regular Meeting - January 9, 2001

The **regular meeting** of the Red River Apiarists' Association was held at the River Heights Community Club on January 9, 2001.

Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 23 members and guests present.

Minutes of the Nov. 14 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

MBA report:

Jim Campbell gave a report on the annual business meeting of the MBA which was held on November 27, 2000. The MBA convention will be held on Feb. 8 & 9 at the Radisson Hotel (corner of Smith & Portage). The board meeting will be held on Jan. 24 in the Prov. Govt. Building in Portage la Prairie.

Financial Report:

Dennis Ross handed out copies of the detailed 2000 financial report and answered several questions regarding our association finances for the year.

Newsletter:

Most of the RRAA members had received their newsletters on January 8. Several suggestions were made by the membership on the type of articles which they would like to see in the *Bee Cause*.

- More MBA news, i.e., honey price, syrup issue, gadgets.
- More local news.
- Local (Manitoba) ideas and results. Report on the Co-Op meeting held at Russel MB.
- Include the prices for advertising to members and non-members.
- More how-to articles.

Honey Show:

Prizes for honey entries and baking was discussed. Several years ago the prize money was eliminated for the honey entries. Prize ribbon design was improved at that time. Recently, standard jars for honey entries have been made available, at no cost, to members who need them. The goal of the honey show is to promote honey and further the awareness of how honey bees benefit crops and the environment. All contestants entering honey in the show should be notified of their point score.

Motion: Moved by Walter Wright sec. by Murray Porter that the list of entrants and scores be published in the newsletter. **Carried.**

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee will present a report at the February 13th meeting. It was delayed because one of our committee members had to attend the annual meeting of the Manitoba Forage Assoc. the same evening.

The topic for the Feb. 13th meeting will be "Propolis". Zenon Sosnowski will present information on the uses and benefits of this marvellous substance produced by honey bees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM Carried

Ron Rudiak (Secretary - RRAA)

Red River Apiarists' Association
Minutes of the Executive Meeting
Jan. 16, 2001

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

Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

The minutes from the Jan. 9 regular meeting were reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee reported that most of the positions can be filled.

Manitoba Honey Show:

Jim Campbell reported that a tentative agreement has been made with the St. Vital Shopping Centre to have the honey show on October 26 - 28, 2001.

The committee agreed to arrange a second honey promotion at Kildonan Place if space is available.

Old and New Business

Association finances: The committee discussed our current bank balance. Although it is less than in previous years it was noted that the financial report does not show dollar values on assets. This year much of our financial resources went to purchase items that do not appear as assets on the financial statements, e.g. prize ribbons, signs, receipt books, stationery, stamps etc.

Your committee noted that the \$66.25 raised at the picnic auction and money raised from door prizes at the meetings should have been forwarded to the Barry Fingler Research fund.

For the February 13 meeting the agenda will include:

Election of committee members

Update on the pesticide, Gaucho, Rhéal Lafrenière.

The topic will be a half-hour presentation on propolis by Zenon Sosnowski.

The draw prize will be a skep shaped cookie jar. Proceeds from these draws will be used for research.

Some suggested meeting topics for 2001

March - Research in Manitoba - David Osterman

April - Don Dixon on a short history of beekeeping in Manitoba and Rod Boudreau on preparing nucs & Spring feeding.

May 8 - Presentation on queen rearing - Ted Scheuneman (Jenter), Ron Rudiak (swarm box)

Annual Picnic - Practical demonstrations of queen rearing with hands-on at the U of M.

Dr. Rob Currie on raising your own queens.

Sept. - Mite Control and varroa treatments - Rhéal Lafrenière & Ted Scheuneman

Oct. - Bee Venom Therapy - Jen Thwaites

Research The committee discussed setting up a research fund (account) so that the RRAA could consider a broader base to invest our research dollars.

What projects do we want to support? The association welcomes your suggestions for research projects.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM

Ron Rudiak (Secretary - RRAA)

RRAA Nominations Committee Report

As many of you are aware the election of RRAA executive officers was scheduled to occur on January 9, 2001, but due to unpredicted circumstances this activity had to be postponed till the next RRAA regular meeting, February 13, 2001. I apologize for the confusion and inconvenience that this may have caused. The list of executive offices as well as the people willing to let their name stand for specific positions on the executive are presented below. If you would like to nominate someone for a position on the executive, please contact the nominations committee (Rhéal Lafrenière 945-4825 or Herb Schon 488-7833) ASAP. We will also be calling for nominations from the floor at the February meeting, so there is still lots time to make up your mind.

Executive Offices: Nominees

President Jim Campbell

1st Vice-president Rhéal Lafrenière

2nd Vice-president Gilles Lantagne

MBA delegate Jim Campbell

Editor (newsletter & website) Ron Wayne and Doug Henry

Reporter Ron Rudiak

Secretary Ron Rudiak

Treasurer Dennis Ross

**Rhéal Lafrenière
Nominations committee chair**

GaUCHO Update by Henry Hiemstra *The Sting* **Pesticides Chair - Ontario Beekeepers' Assoc.**

On the GaUCHO front there is nothing new to report at this time. We know it is a powerful broad spectrum insecticide. It is systemic, which means it will be absorbed through the plant tissue which makes it so effective. Other trade names for this product are Admire, Confidor and Impower. If any of these products are sprayed on plants visited by bees, there will be dead bees. Here too, if the label is adhered to by the spray applicator, it will not be applied to a blooming plant. The goal will be to keep all applicators honest, and that includes you and I as beekeepers in treating our hives. Follow the label! It's the law!

RRAA FINANCES YEAR 2000

<u>January</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$400 newsletter – 32		\$21 door prize
	\$47.10 meeting room, coffee - 33		\$520 memberships
Balance month end		\$3219.15	
<u>February</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
			\$100 memberships
Balance month end		\$3319.15	
<u>March</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$32.10 meeting (February) - 34		\$200 memberships
	\$32.10 meeting (March) - 35		\$26 door prize (February)
			\$31 door prize (March)
Balance month end		\$3511.95	
<u>April</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$72.10 meeting & 6 craffles of coffee - 36		\$80 memberships
			\$26 door prize
Balance month end		\$3545.85	
<u>May</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$150 Picnic advance - 37		\$80 membership
			\$86 sale of lunches
Balance month end		\$4224.35	\$662.50 picnic auction

<u>June</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$173.25 (Ted Scheuneman) - 39		\$20 memberships
	\$383.40 (Dennis Ross) - 41		
	\$18.90 (Ron Rudiak) - 42		
Balance month end		\$3668.80	
<u>July</u>	<u>Debits</u>		
	\$320 MBA insurance - 38		
Balance month end		\$3348.80	
<u>August</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$20.70 (Rheal Lafrenirre) - 40		
Balance month end		\$3328.10	
<u>September</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$32.10 RHCC - 43		\$80 memberships
	\$300 newsletter (R. Wayne) - 44		
	\$43.64 office supplies - 45		
Balance month end		\$3032.36	
<u>October</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$79.41 Crafts and Baking expenses - 47		
Balance month end		\$2952.95	
<u>November</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$313.81 Signs and Labels - 46		\$150 Table Rental C. Polcyn
	\$53.93 Jars Honey Show - 49		\$150 Table Rental R. Rudiak
	\$431.50 Ribbons for Honey Show - 50		\$450 Donation MBA

	RHCC 39.10 Meeting October 48		\$80 Memberships
Balance month end		\$2944.61	
<u>December</u>	<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	\$9.99 Cake November Meeting - 51		\$20 memberships
	\$47.10 November Meeting RHCC - 52		\$50 Donation Bee Maid Honey
Balance month end		\$2957.52	

For Sale:

Spring nucs
Call for booking, limited amounts available.

Rod Boudreau Ph 885-3344

For Sale:

Dry storage containers, 20 & 40 foot (40' will hold over 1200 supers).

Rod Boudreau Ph 885-3344

For Sale:

4 frame nucs available around May 15
New supers with metal rests, painted and assembled \$8

Dennis Ross Ph 878-2924

For Sale:

Nucs and Bee Equipment for sale.

Contact: Charles Polcyn at 284-7064 or
Email: charlespolcyn@yahoo.com

Red River Apiarists' Association 2001 Membership Application/Renewal

Please complete and mail with cheque for \$20, payable to The Red River Apiarists' Association

Mail to : **Red River Apiarists' Association**

**Dennis Ross, Treasurer
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PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (if applicable): _____

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