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This morning, it was minus twenty four degrees Celsius. Right now it's minus eleven. However the rest of the week looks like some nice "take a peek" weather. We all have put away colonies that were not at their best, and this will be a good opportunity to see if any late intervention can tip the scales in survival's favor.

Sugar patties, candy, and hopes and prayers may save a colony, but

smart money is bet on good fall programs, careful notes, and learning from mistakes. Spring is a season for assistance, not repairing or amending your shortcomings.

Every beekeeper I know gets itching for spring, and here's hoping it's around the corner. Long term forecasts predict a warmer than usual march. Queens and Nucs will not be cheap, nor readily available



with the forecasted demand. If you need stock, you should be on someone's waiting list NOW! If you have not placed your orders, then stop what you are doing and pick up the phone.

This time of year we invite the class of the UofM's Beekeeping for

Next Virtual Meeting
 March 9, 2021
 7:30PM
 Zoom Link TBA

Speaker: **Rheal Lafreniere, Provincial Apiary Update**

Speaker: **Tracy Malone, Liability Insurance**

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the Hobbyist to check out the RRAA. Every enrollee gets a free one year membership, and we welcome those who accepted our invitation!

The executive listings is on the first few pages of the BeeCause, and please feel free to email me or any executive if you need guidance in starting up this spring.

We are engaging the RRAA Mentor Program again this season, and are asking those who again are willing to share their experience and guidance to step forward and help

our novice beekeepers. More details are on page 8.

Students and novices who are in need of a mentor should review our program and sign up if you need the help. Don’t be shy! As an educational organization this is how we can help one another. If you feel you are lacking in skills and knowledge, remember there are those below your level as well and they need help getting to where you are today. There are plenty of members for mentors to call if they find themselves out of their

comfort zone. Be the person you wish you had on hand when you were getting started!

Articles in previous newsletters may be of interest.

Pollen Patties: April 2018, Feeding Syrup: April 2018 Urban Beekeeping guide: March 2018

Packages VS Nucs: Feb 2018, Local Queens: A breeder’s perspective: March 2018

Dead-out autopsy: April 2019 The painful truths of the how and why.

John Russell

Why I Feel I Will Always be a Novice Beekeeper

Writing and photos by *Josephine Mikoluff*

I have always had a love for science and nature. And even though creatures with more than six legs can cause me some dread, I am forever in awe of the intricacies of life. So, when I saw the episode of The

Incredible Dr. Pol where Charles becomes a beekeeper, I was hooked. I know, a bit corny, but the truth. That is where it truly began for me, even though I later learned about a great uncle who kept honeybees. I started doing some research and came

across the course offered at the University of Manitoba. Of course it had already begun for that year, so I had to wait a bit longer to start beekeeping. I had decided that it would be best for me to take the course first, gain an understanding, and



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then really decide if I wanted to take on this “hobby”. Being a Chemistry/Biology teacher, I found the course very fascinating and was in awe about Honeybee biology and their social way of life. I was drawn in even more.

The course also introduced me to the RRAA and although I did not join right away, I have found the group to be knowledgeable, patient and understanding when it

comes to the novice beekeeper.

So, why do I think I will always be a novice? There are many reasons that range from new studies and technology to changing practices and the general public’s growing interest.

I like to think of myself as a lifelong learner, so beekeeping is right up my alley. There seems to be a never ending amount of information out there to learn about beekeeping. Of course,

being aware of our climate and special weather circumstances makes it more of a challenge. What works this year, might not work best next. How the weather from one Spring season to the next can be so drastically different may prove to be daunting and how you deal with it can be the difference between starting Summer off with a well-established hive, or panic calling someone



Tory government U-turns on bee-killing pesticide

Why I Feel I Will Always be a Novice Beekeeper (continued)



to buy a nuc to replace what you lost.

Having the general public more aware of the plight of the pollinator has made an impact on me as well. Being asked questions about my bees sometimes has me searching for answers, or dispelling myths and incorrect information. Maybe people see bees as being all the same and are excited to tell you that they have bees they would like you to take from their property regardless of the type. But I find this to be more of an educational moment, helping them see and understand the

difference. I see this as always a positive.

And then there is all the research that is going on. So much research! This, of course, is important especially with growing concerns about diseases, pests, insecticides and pollution. Determining what are best practices to ensure the health and productivity of our bees can be overwhelming. This is where many novice beekeepers look to the seasoned beekeeper, their thoughts and advice. Of course, we all realize that certain practices may work better for some compared to others, but being open to possibilities always makes us more informed and better able to make decisions based on our situation. Again, I am constantly learning.

This will be my seventh summer keeping honeybees and my second summer with a hive both in the country

at my Dad's and in the city in my backyard. This, in itself, is exciting for me to see the difference between the "country" bee and the "city" bee. And it also lends itself to even more learning opportunities when I work through why things may be different in terms of honey production, both type and amount, and over wintering (as this is my first year over wintering in the city).

So, yes, with all there is to learn and all the new research going on, I feel like I will always be a novice beekeeper. I do not view this as detrimental at all, but see it as an opportunity to be open to always learning ways to keep my bees healthy and productive while reveling in watching them work their magic. □



A Quarter of Known Bee Species
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Cocktail or Mocktail, It's Better with Honey

French 75 with Honey

Ingredients

HONEY SYRUP

1/2 cup honey

1/2 cup water

COCKTAIL

3 tablespoons (1½ ounces) gin

1½ tablespoons (¾ ounces) fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon (1/2 ounce) Honey Syrup (recipe above)

ice

chilled champagne or dry sparkling wine

lemon peel and/or honeycomb, for garnish

Preparation

For the honey syrup:

- In a small saucepan, combine honey and water and heat on low just until the honey melts. Whisk well and let cool.

For the cocktail:

- Combine gin, lemon juice and the Honey Syrup (reserve rest for other cocktails or beverages) in a cocktail shaker. Fill with ice, close, and shake until outside of shaker is frosty. Pour into a champagne flute or coup and top off with champagne. Garnish with lemon peel and/or honeycomb garnish!

Technique tip: Add the spirits to the shaker first, then add ice only just before shaking to avoid diluting the drink! The honey syrup can be made ahead of time and stored in the refrigerator in a covered jar until ready to use.

Swap option: Substitute different types of honey. Try cognac instead of gin. Substitute tonic water or lemon seltzer for a nonalcoholic version.



Honey Blackberry Thyme Mocktail (Yield: two drinks)

Ingredients

8 fresh blackberries plus more for garnish

1/4 cup honey

2 – 3 fresh thyme sprigs plus more for garnish

2 tbsp fresh lime juice

1/2 cup ginger beer (Fever-Tree if you can get it)

Seltzer water

Instructions

1. In a cocktail shaker, muddle together the blackberries, honey, and thyme until well mixed.
2. Add ice, the lime juice and ginger beer, cover, and shake to mix.
3. Strain the mixture into two glasses with ice.
4. Top off each glass with seltzer.
5. Garnish with blackberries and thyme sprigs and serve.

About the RRAA and You!

About RRAA

The Red River Apiarists' Association, formed in 1963, represents the beekeepers of the Red River Valley and environs in southern Manitoba. The association provides a forum for the promotion of sound beekeeping practices through education, networking opportunities, meetings, field days, workshops, presentations by local apicultural experts, as well as a subscription to this newsletter.



EDITOR'S NOTE

QR readers are apps that make it easy to load URLs from the printed page or screen. Look for QR readers in your favourite app store on your phone.

The RRAA and the BeeCause for and by you.

The BeeCause is the official publication of the Red River Apiarists' Association for distribution to its members and their colleagues in the beekeeping industry. It is published eight times a year on a monthly basis, January to May and September to November when membership meetings occur.

Articles can be best submitted in Word document by email attachments. Though they may be edited for spelling and basic grammar, no changes will be made to their content, message and opinions without the author's written and expressed consent. They are those of their originator and not of the Red River Apiarists' Association.

Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is the second Sunday preceding the membership meeting to allow for publishing and mailing delays and the legal obligation to allow membership to review last meetings' minutes for errors or omissions before next meeting.

Regular membership meetings are normally scheduled 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the Elmwood Legion 920 Nairn Avenue in Winnipeg except months noted above. Physical meetings have been suspended due to Covid-19, and will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. Webinars will take place in their stead.

YOU ARE AWESOME!!!

What makes a great association greater?

Involvement and contribution!

When everyone does one small task for one hour a month to help the RRAA then we all benefit.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Mentoring a novice beekeeper, join a RRAA committee, submit an article or a book review for the newsletter, share experiences and advice with new beekeepers in novice webinars, network with novices to source Manitoba bred bees, equipment demonstration, and teach a class!

TALK TO AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR MORE DETAILS

Call 204-612-2337 to lend a hand.

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RRAA Standing Committees

Taken from the RRAA by-laws:

5. Committees

Appointed standing committees may include: Program, Social, Honey Sales Promotion, Library, Newsletter, or other committees as required by the Executive Committee.

Current Committees:

- Education Committee
- By-Law Committee

On Hiatus due to Covid-19:

- Honey Show Committee
- Social Committee

The BeeCause CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Have you come across an interesting article?

Would you like to share an observation?

Care to share an anecdote or an observation from your own beekeeping experiences?

Do you have an opinion you want to voice to the beekeeping community?

Seen a video you found informative or would like a topic researched?

You want to take part in RRAA food for thought?

Or do you just want to plain advertise?

Answer the call. Tell the Editor!

Taking submissions at: a.tucovic@gmail.com

Pick up this gently used stainless steel tank.

More info in the BeeCause classifieds.





2021 Red River Apiarist Association Mentoring Program

This will be a challenging year for beekeepers to say the least. Those with less experience or who are entering the craft may feel particularly uneasy with the social isolation impacts of guidance and resources. We as a group have an opportunity to assist those who need direction and reassurance to ensure a successful season. Please consider taking on a student, to act as a resource for questions and advice. The commitment is only for text, phone calls and email inquiries. Field work assistance (especially now...) is not expected. Unsure if you are qualified? The RRAA has a core of very experienced apiarists to help you, help your student. Any issue you feel is beyond your skill set can be fielded by the very best in the organization. "Kicking it upstairs" is always an option.

Being available is your biggest contribution!

CALLING ALL SENIOR BEEKEEPERS! The RRAA is asking you to take on a student to act as a resource for questions and guidance in this beekeeping season. If you feel of a skill level comfortable to take this on, please email me at:

honeyb@mymts.net

with MENTOR 2021 in the subject line.

CALLING ALL NOVICES! Resources are available to field questions and help problem solve throughout the season. There are no "dumb" questions. Experienced beekeepers can interpret what your hive is experiencing, and can provide advice, reassurance, and answers to your questions. In this age of technology, texting pictures and emailing video is a huge advantage from years gone by. If you need a mentor, please email me at:

honeyb@mymts.net

with STUDENT 2021 in the subject line.

Include your full name, cell number, and email. I will pair you with at least one student, or more if you request. Our aim is to pair mentors and students near the end of the month.

Urban beekeeping. Lists to Stephan.

And the Queen Colour of the Year Goes to...

White.

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2 or 7	Yellow
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Red River Apiarists' Association

Membership Application

The RRAA membership extends for one calendar year and renewals are due in January.

Membership includes subscription to 8 issues of the RRAA BeeCause newsletter.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Signature: _____

Please check one of the following:

- New Member
- Renewal

Payments:

- I hereby apply for membership to the RRAA \$ 35.00/year
or
- I am an UofM Beekeeping Course Student (first year free)..... \$ 0.00/year
- Optional: Beekeeper Liability Insurance: \$65.00 + \$5.20 \$ 70.20/year

** Note: Liability Insurance fees must be submitted before April 1st.*

Total Payment \$ _____

- Cash
- Cheque
- E-Transfer (Send To: jurnss@outlook.com)

Completed form and payment may be brought to a RRAA regular meeting, or mailed to:

John Speer (jurnss@outlook.com), RRAA Treasurer
24063 Oakwood Road
Sunnyside, MB
R5R 0H4

RRAA Meeting Minutes, Feb. 16, 2021

RRAA President, John Russell Badiuk opened the RRAA meeting conducted by a video conference, at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday FEB.16, 2021. 73 screens attended the meeting using "Zoom". Welcome to those from other groups.

The Following reflects the meeting:

A. Club Business:

- Minutes from Jan. 19 2021. Suggestions from members: make pdf document smaller,
- Moved by. John Speer and seconded by Carol Wenaus to accept as written - Carried

Next meeting moving to second Tuesday- March 9

B. Treasure: Financial Report, John Speer

- i. Account amount \$8 781.60

Membership Update, renewals are January 1 to January 1, calendar year. Everything should be directed to John Speer either with mail or email. About 50% have renewed. As of March 1, 2021 John Speer will start sending out reminders to those who have not renewed.

C. MBA Report - Marg Smith Rep.

FOR the convention preregistration: manitobabee.org. Under events. Everyone free but you must register.

Ian : convention 27th convention AGM Health diagnostics, Oxalic Acid research, not too many speakers due to only a half day. Thus nexts week Tuesday Bob Binny will join BABA for a conversation – he's from North Virginia

D. Club Business – Brad Hogg – Honey Show

Honey Show Roadblocks: No changes from St. Vital. Not date yet and dialog ongoing.

Website: Duane Versluis and David Lee working on things

By-Laws – no meeting but something coming to March Meeting

Social Media – Nothing to report, just refreshing website and some social media will be put on the back burner. Facebook Page – Paul, Natasha and about 186 involved but looking if anyone wants to get involve.

By-Laws Review Committee: Club is looking for volunteers to review the by-laws. Expect to see something in your inbox. Please consider volunteering

E. Mark Friesen: Overview of MBA behind the scenes

Summary: MBA legislated under the Farm Marketing Act to make a good food product. Honey price is up probably due to reduced production in parts of Canada. MBA has a place for samples Authentic Food Solutions lab. Peter Awrum (BC) profiling testing for honey standards and collecting honey samples without a third party handling it. Looking for pure honey. Western Veterinary Medicine looking for grants too research honey and pollination. Working with keystone Ag producer and federal Ag. Minister to develop a more equitable funding payout but that hasn't happened. Insurance safety net is something they are working on.

F. Presentation: Derek Micholson - an introduction to the KRPT (Knowledge & Research Transfer Program) funded by the province of MB, Canada Agriculture and overseen by MBA and RRAA has a voice. [Manitobabee.org/hive/categories/KRTP](https://manitobabee.org/hive/categories/KRTP)

Derek's credentials:

2011 Bachelor of Environmental Science plus worked for Rob Currie

Research technician and getting Masters

DLJ Consulting – Bee Inspector

Tech transfer program – almost in every province except BC -industry lead services to promote bee health through the transfer of knowledge from research.

4 Pillars: 1. Education,

-Working with all regional associations

- UM Beekeeping Course- reach out to new bee keepers

Workshops/Training Events

Fact sheets ad sets management of MB

Videos – miticides, maximizing honey production, interviews MB beekeepers

Other ideas? - industry lead

Communication

Website: manitobabee.org/hive/category/KRTP

Social Media (Facebook&Instagram)

-Presentations to local associations

-Communication with federal, provincial and other organizations

Services to Beekeepers

Fee for service (subscription

-KRTP to monitor and sample 10 hives/apiary twice er year for varroa, nosema, AFB/EFB, viruses – using Alberta model

-Miticide Resistance Testing if high interest levels

On-site or Regional Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Training

Demonstrative Research

-No hives yet, home apiary about 100 hive gathered by donation

-Oxalic Acid trials – application methods, dosage, timing, impact on bees

-Outdoor wintering study

a. Differs methods of wintering

b. Top Top Entrance/no top entrance

c. Different wintering materials

-Queen breeding/stock assessments

d. Hygienic Behaviour Testing Services (monitoring program)

e. KRTP Apiary as Central Hub

Sponsorship – Direct Program or project specific funding support, in kind donations

Contact information on MBA site and will be in newsletter.

G. Inspecting - Laura Wiens

-4 years of beekeeping 3 years inspections

-Funded by the province and contracted out

-Looking for AFB, small hive beetle and signage

If AFB found Rheal helps to deal with it or and reduce risk to your own and other hives

Contact signage in your back yard to indicate whose bees they are

-Inspectors make appointment and you can choose too be there or not. If you are there you learn lots.

-To ensure inspections Rheal needs up to date information on your hive. Keep email and hive count current. If hives are in the city you need both the provincial number and the city permit

Next Meeting on March 9, 2021

Marg Smith moved to close seconded by Laura Wiens

Meeting adjourned at 9:28

Submitted by

Monica Wiebe

MBA Report to RRAA March 2021 - by Marg Smith

The MBA held its first Board meeting, March 4, 2021. While it began early, the meeting was very productive. The first order of business after the agenda and minutes, was to determine our Executive and Committees. They are as follows: The first person's name in the list of Committee members is deemed the chair of that committee. **KRTP issues and Concerns of beekeepers are to come to Board Chair.**

Chair: Ian Stepler

Vice-Chair: Mike Grysiuk

Secretary: Daryl Wright

Treasurer: Nadine Lecocq

CHC Director: Osee Podolsky

KAP Director: Paul Gregory

Committees:

Convention: Daryl Wright, Brad Hogg, Becky Lane, Derek Micholson, Marg Smith, Duane Versluis, Laura Weins

Resolutions: Marg Smith (also MBA-RRAA Liaison), Osee Podolsky

Finance and BFMRP: Ian Stepler, Paul Gregory, Daryl Wright, Nadine Lecocq

CHC Chair: Osee Podolsky

- **Stock Replacement**
- **Labour:** Mike Grysiuk, Paul Gregory
- **Workplace:** Adam Lewis
- **Food Safety:** (CFIA) Marg Smith
- **Honey Marketing:** Paul Gregory

KAP Chair: Paul Gregory

Research: Ian Stepler, Adam Lewis, Rob Currie, Rheal Lafreniere

Membership Resources and Communication: Ian Stepler, Brad Hogg, Becky Lane, Adam Lewis

Pests and Pest Management: Paul Gregory, Becky Lane, Rheal Lafreniere

Safety Nets (MASC, AgriStability, etc.): Paul Gregory, Adam Lewis

Pollinator Habitat Sustainability Initiative and Pest Management: Ian Stepler, Paul Gregory, Becky lane, Rheal Lafreniere

Board Development: Ian Stepler, Daryl Wright

As you can see, we have a busy year ahead of us, with much work to do.

- **MASC (Beekeepers' Overwintering Survival Insurance):** A meeting is being set up between the MBA and MASC to see what can be negotiated that truly works for the beekeepers. Stay tuned for more information to come.
- **Research Report and KRTP:** Ian reported that Derek Micholson is making monthly reports on his work. \$5000.00 MBA contribution to the research on AFB at the NBDC is now complete and a report on findings is forthcoming. There is research being done on various of applications for Oxalic Acid treatment for Varroa Mites. Peter Ahrum is establishing a Canada-wide data base for honey. CHC is funding this project

totally. MBA agrees that this needs to be National in scope. We may be looking to the KRTP to hinge in-kind donations. The result of a meeting between the KRTP Steering committee and the U of M Faculty of Agriculture's dean, was to secure an office for Derek Micholson, complete with a lab. This will be housed in the Dept. of Entomology, so Derek will be in collaboration with several others who are also working on the pollinators and bees in particular.

- **Convention:** All agreed that it was certainly a first, and was conducted very smoothly. This was the result of much collaboration and team-work. Many thanks to Duane Versluis, Laura Weins, Brad Hogg and Derek Micholson for their excellent technical skills.
- **CHC:** Osee Podolsky reported that CHC is working on the following topics: Interprovincial movement of bees (slow progress); "Organic" honey, Oxalic Acid research expansion (CAUTION: If a method isn't approved yet in Canada, then don't use it! – check with Rheal Lafreniere, if you are not sure); Definition for "Raw Honey"; Points of entry protocols for inbound queens from other countries not consistent. Rheal will help work on this topic.
- **KAP:** Paul Gregory reported that, as the present chair of KAP has stepped down to move on to a new position, interviewing is proceeding.
- **PA (Provincial Apiarist Report):** Rheal Lafreniere reported that after a honey price survey was done, the price of honey may well be \$2.00/lb.
- **Regional Grant Application:** Daryl Wright has application forms for each of our associations to apply to, if we are wanting help to fund an event (e.g., the Honey Show)
- **MBA Field Day:** The original plan of holding this at Lewis and Sons will be kept on hold as we see how things unfold re the pandemic.

That's it for me now. If there are any concerns you wish me to raise with the MBA, do not hesitate to contact me.

Marg Smith



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Rob Smith, 204-254-4509

We still have supers, bee escapes, excluders, nuc boxes etc. for sale as we continue our downsizing. In the spring we expect to have hives and nucs for sale.

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NOTICE

Some advertisements were changed from this summer's submissions due to seasonal availability. Resubmitting your ads at least every two months is wise, so sayeth the editor.

Need a New Fundraising Idea?
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More information and a downloadable package can be found at honeyb.ca

Or call John at 204-612-2337 for more information.

Manitoba Raised Bees

The RRAA has many members who raise queens and sell bees. Keep these numbers handy for your next seasons plans. Book early for a happier spring!

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