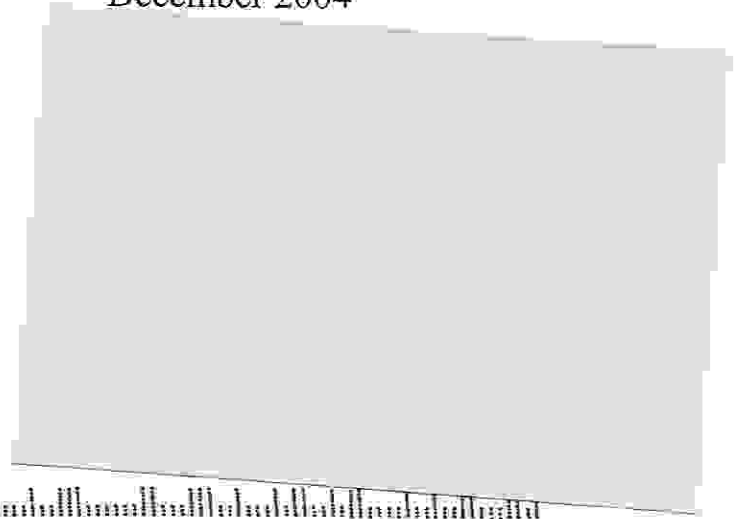


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From the Vice President

Wow, has it been two years already? The beekeeping industry in Missouri has seen several changes in the last two years. The price of honey has skyrocketed and then settled a bit. Small Hive Beetles have been found in the state. It looks like the Varroa Mite is becoming resistant to Apistan and Checkmite. And Chris Gibbons is moving over to the position of Past President while I move from Vice President to President.

Over the last two years the board has repeatedly asked "how can we involve more people in the State Association?" One of the answers to that question has been for the board to actively seek people from different parts of the state to come onto the board and add their input. We have found people from "the four corners of the State" that are willing to be Directors, Ray Batton in the SE corner, May Schmidt South-Central, Glenn Davis in the Northwest corner, and Steve Harris in the Northeast corner. We have also added two new faces to the board as officers; Kenny Norman from Springfield as Secretary last year and just elected Vice President, and Scott Moser from Jefferson County as the upcoming Secretary. I hope you will take the time to get to know those that are in your area of the state.

Undoubtedly the most important event that the State Association conducts every year is the MSBA Booth at the Missouri State Fair. We had another fine year this year. Sales of honey and honey ice cream were good. We were able to pay the bills and make a modest profit from sales. But the most successful part of the honey booth was the interaction between beekeepers and the public. I would defer to Art Gelder but feel that we had a positive contact with approximately 40,000 people during the fair. From the big grin and "here, let me give you a bee sticker", to answering questions about "where's the queen bee?", that's what makes the fair a success. Art Gelder has made the Association's presence at the State Fair very high profile and respected. And, like all good things, Art has said that it's time for somebody to have fun at the Fair. Art has dedicated a large portion of his summers for the past 6+ years to the fair project. I want to publicly thank Art the wonderful job he has done.

Every year the The Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture is held in December.

This year the conference will start on December 12th at Tan-Tar-A. The Missouri State Beekeeper's Association will be at the "Taste of AgriMissouri" Reception serving salad with a honey dressing. The reception starts at 5 p.m. If you would like to come and help serve or mingle, contact me or Chris Gibbons.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held at Ryan's Steakhouse in Columbia MO on Saturday, 01/22/05 at 9 a.m. Each local association is welcome to send a voting representative to the meeting. Anybody else that is interested may attend as well.

Take Care and I hope you all have a joyful holiday season.

Monte Richardson

The 4th Heartland Apiculture Conference will be held at SIUE Edwardsville, IL on July 7-8-9, 2005. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with the planning and program. We had about 300 attend last year in Lebanon, Tenn. and would like to better that number this year. We would like to welcome beekeepers from west of the Mississippi and expand our fairly new organization.

Thanks

Rich Ramsey
President HAS
Past Pres. Ill State Beekeepers Assn.

The following amendments to the By-Laws of the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association are being proposed. They will be presented to the membership at the Spring 2005 Meeting of the Association to be voted on. As required by the by-laws, these proposed amendments are being presented to the membership at least 30 days before the meeting.

At the recent board meeting before the Fall Meeting, the following changes to the by-laws of the Association were discussed. Previously, the past president was considered a "director". Only three Directors were allowed including the past president. This appears to be an error because there were more than three Directors at the time that the By-Laws were voted on last year. The following changes to the by-laws would make the by-laws consistent with the current status of the Directors. It also formally recognizes the Past President as the "chairperson" of the directors and removes the Past President from the position of "Director".

Proposed changes to the by-laws of the Missouri State Beekeeper's Association

Article 4: Officers and Elections

Section 5: Tenure

Subsection C: Directors shall serve a term of three years, one Director being nominated and elected each year. One director shall be the

out going President and shall serve for two years. Each local Association shall elect from their membership, one board member of the

State Association each year to serve at the pleasure of the President.

Proposed change-Subsection C-Directors shall serve a term of two years, two directors being nominated and elected each year. Each local Association shall

elect, from their membership, one board member of the State Association each year to serve at the pleasure of the President.

Subsection D: The State shall be divided into three sections, northeast, northwest, and southcentral. Each Director shall be an advisor to

their section of the State reporting to the outgoing President/Director any pertinent issues of concern.

Proposed change-Subsection D-The State shall be divided into four sections; northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest. Each Director shall be an

advisor to their section of the State, reporting to the Past President any pertinent issues of concern.

Article 6: Executive Committee

Section 2: The outgoing President shall be one of the Directors with a two-year term of office.

Proposes change--The outgoing President, also known as the "Past President", shall be Chairman of the Directors with a two year term of Office.

State Meeting Wrapup

The fall meeting of the MSBA was held Oct. 29th and Oct. 30th at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. We had about 100 people in attendance. The weather was very beautiful, with temperatures in the 70's. The resort is very hilly, and for some it was difficult getting around. If we select Tan-Tar-A as a future facility for a meeting, I would try to have the meeting rooms in the main building. The hotel was very helpful, and offered shuttle service for anyone having difficulty getting around. Unfortunately, no one waited for the ride.

I appreciate all the help I received, especially at the registration table. Thanks to Gary Blackwell, Siobhan Thouvenot, and Glenda Richardson. Also "thanks" to our raffle ticket sellers, Don Reinkemeyer and Steve Harris.

We want to "thank" all the vendors who helped to make this meeting a success. Included as vendors were Mid-Con, Drapers, Dadant, Norm's Vented Beehive Cover, and Walk-about-Acres.

We thank the vendors who sent catalogs, and gifts to help our association meeting expenses. The following sent raffle and/or door prize items:

Strachan Apiaries: 2 certificates for free queens

National Honey Board: Hang tags, and the Marketing Manual

A.I. Root: Gleanings in Bee in Culture-Through the year's book, magazines

Wilbanks Apiaries: 2 hats

Glorybee Co.: Hive Tool, and Bee Candle holder

B & B Honey Farm: Hive Tool

Speedy Bee: 2 year Subscription

Dadant Inc.: Beekeepers Jacket, The Hive and the Honey Bee, Smoker

Mother Lode Plastics: 12 plastic division board feeders, assorted hi-flow lids

Heitkams Honey Bees: 3 certificates for 2 free queens each

B-Weaver Bee Goods: 2 printed shirts

Lapps Bee Supply: Pail Opener, and hive tool

Brushy Mountain: 1 Boardman feeder, gift of candy in small bee veil

Walter T. Kelley: Screened Bottom Board

Norm's vented Beehive Cover

Mid-Con: several items (we failed to make a record)

Draper's: several items (we failed to make a record)

Walk-a-bot-Acres: Honey pot, Plants

Eastern Missouri Beekeepers: About \$100 of items

Midwestern Beekeepers: About \$100 of items

Please support these companies, and if you were one to win an item, send them a personal "thank you"

Submitted by Sharon Gibbons

Greetings everyone!
The fall meeting of the MSBA has come and gone. It doesn't seem possible that a new year is very rapidly approaching us. I am very excited to be able to introduce you to our new MO State Honey Queen for 2005, Lauren Whitney. Lauren is going to college, she works part time as a disc jockey for a radio station, and her major is in journalism. Lauren is a very enthusiastic and friendly person. I believe that she will work hard to promote honey and the honey industry and she will be a valuable asset to the Mo State Beekeepers. However, she cannot do it alone. We, as responsible beekeepers, need to help her to learn about bees, beekeeping and promoting honey. Together we can make a great team, but we all have to play together.

I encourage each of you to invite Lauren to your town to help promote honey. You know when your town will be having festivals, who sells honey in your area, where the local farmers market is, craft shows, etc. Feel free to contact me with your upcoming promotion ideas, and I will see if we can coordinate the details so that Lauren can be there.

Thank you for supporting the Mo State Honey Queen and for your donations to the Silent Auction and the Dollar Auction. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!
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Queen Chairperson



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Chris Gibbons

As summer turns into Fall I hope that you have collected a bountiful harvest & might now have some time to kick back & enjoy the easier side of beekeeping; catch up on those journals, spend time with family & friends and attend local, state or regional beekeeper meetings to catch up with friends & associates.

Next year will arrive all too soon along with a renewed ambition to tend to the bees but for now I appreciate the cooler weather which signals a break which I use to catch up on activities that require less sweat and more relaxation. During this time I enjoy looking up books to read in front of the fireplace.

I hope you to enjoy reading & may consider helping me with a unique opportunity to help all beekeepers access some of the most important early American beekeeping literature. A printable flier can be found at <http://easternapiculture.org/programs/phillips.pdf> describing this project to digitize the E. F. Phillips Rare beekeeping books which will then be made available at: <http://bees.library.cornell.edu/>

This project is a win, win, win, win situation. First your donation will be matched by a donation from the Tampa Bay Beekeepers (up to \$1000) which will leverage your donation; effectively doubling your contribution. It is also a donation to a non-profit organization that may be a tax benefit to you or your operation. More important is that the digitization of these early works protects them from crumbling on the shelves. Best of all digitization will make these important early beekeeping books available to any beekeeper worldwide with internet access.

Please consider a donation to this worthy cause and mention it to your state or local beekeepers group. E. F. Phillips would be enthralled that finally after all these years his dream of getting these books to beekeepers is finally becoming a reality.

Thanks for your support of this project.

I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have or you can direct questions directly to the library staff.

Mike Griggs

Mhg3@cornell.edu

President Finger Lakes Beekeeping Association

President of the 2002 Eastern Apiculture Society Meetings held at Cornell University

Hello everyone,

The Jackson (MO) Area Beekeepers Club would like to host a "beekeeper's field day" on March 12, 2005 (Saturday) if no other conflicts with the state organization or the Spring meeting come up. The date is still flexible and we would be open to the 19th. Any later than that and we're all getting busy.

Our meeting will be specific to two topics: trapping feral swarms for increase and naturalized resistance and simplified, non-grafting methods of raising your own locally adapted queens.

Thanks, hope all is well with you and your bees,

Sincerely,

Grant Gillard 3721 North High Street Jackson, MO 63755-7757

*** I wrote Grant and told him to get something to me for the newsletter but never got any more from him. If you're interested drop him a note.

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Editor note,

Well it's hard to believe I've been at this for three years. Harder yet that this is my last news letter. I wanted to take time and just say my goodbye this has been an experience that I will always remember. I hope that my time has been a benefit to you all.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas. And a happy new year. But mostly my prayer is that you would remember that Christ Jesus birth is what Christmas is all about.

John W. Sauls
Editor MSBA

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