

## **Resolution from 2009 MBA AGM 18 November 2009**

### **RESOLUTION #1**

WHEREAS a 2007 AGM resolution directed the MBA board to develop a plan to collect funds from all eligible producers, and

WHEREAS MBA received approval for the Honey Producers Administration Fee Regulation in March 2009, and

WHEREAS MBA has utilized a soft sell approach to encourage compliance using at least two reminder notices, and

WHEREAS the Farm Products Marketing Act provides for an appeal process, and

WHEREAS MBA directors identified a contingency fund should legal counsel be necessary,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That MBA work closely with FPMC and continue due diligence in taking necessary steps to ensure eligible beekeepers comply with the Honey Producers Administration Fee Regulation 56/2009.

**Moved by Ron R/Chris R Carried**

### **RESOLUTION #2**

WHEREAS MBA is a paid up member of the national Canadian Honey Council organization, and

WHEREAS the MBA Strategic Plan distributed at the 2008 Annual Meeting described several hive health issues important to Manitoba producers, and

WHEREAS The CHC Hive Health Committee has requested MBA and others to provide input to their deliberations

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that MBA continue to work with CHC and the Hive Health Committee, by confirming priorities for Healthy Sources of Bee stocks, More Varroa treatment options, and Retention of Formic Acid treatment options.

**Moved by Bruce S/Steve O Carried**

### **RESOLUTION #3**

WHEREAS: the MBA was originally supportive of the importation embargo initiated in 1988 to prohibit the importation of packaged bees and queens from the continental USA, and

WHEREAS: in response to growing industry concerns over the supply of available queens in the Spring, the MBA surveyed its membership in 2002 to determine if support for the importation embargo of queen had changed, and

WHEREAS the survey results revealed that the majority of the responding beekeepers supported changes to allow greater access but wanted protocols in place to minimize the risk of importing important diseases, pests, and Africanized bees, and

WHEREAS: at the request from industry, the CHC organized a Stakeholder Meeting to develop importation protocols to support importation of queen honey bees from the continental USA, and

WHEREAS: in 2004, the MBA passed a resolution to support the CFIA proposed amendment to allow the importation of queens from the continental USA under the conditions of the import permit developed with industry and other stakeholders, and  
WHEREAS: growing industry concerns over high winter losses and the availability of replacement bees in the Spring, and  
WHEREAS: in 2009, the MBA conducted a survey of its membership to determine their interest in, and views on, alternative sources for packaged bees, and  
WHEREAS: The survey results revealed that the majority of responding beekeepers supported greater access to packaged bees than what is currently available.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the MBA request that the Canadian Honey Council organize a Stakeholder Meeting to amend the importation embargo to allow greater access to packaged bees from the continental USA and other suitable countries under the conditions of an import permit developed by industry and other stakeholders.  
**Moved by Bryan A/Bruce P    Carried**

#### **RESOLUTION #4**

WHEREAS: Beekeepers and native pollinators are being adversely affected by insecticide spraying of blooming sunflower crops, and  
WHEREAS: Sunflower seed contracting companies demand insecticide spraying for contracted fields which may not need any application, and  
WHEREAS: IPM is an effective tool to produce quality confectionary sunflower seeds,  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The MBA lobby KAP, both levels of government and the confectionary industry to develop protocol to protect beekeepers from the over use of insecticides.

**Moved by Paul G/Ted T    Carried**

#### **RESOLUTION #5**

WHEREAS: Beekeepers appreciate the inspection program and its assessment of both hobby and commercial operations, and  
WHEREAS: Extension Staff support the beekeeping industry through organizing education and research symposiums,  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that MBA inform the MB Ag Min or our appreciation for the work Rhéal and David do on our behalf

**Moved by Bill B/Paul G    Carried**

#### **RESOLUTION #6**

WHEREAS: Under NAFTA rules there may be provisions where American Beekeepers may be successful in challenging the standing “no comb” law, if the border is opened to package bees,  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That MBA request CHC to seek an opinion from Federal Government as to the probability of an American beekeeper successfully challenging the standing “no comb” law.

**Moved by Paul G/Bruce S                      Carried**