A photograph of a wooden box, likely a beehive component, filled with a large number of bees. The box is open, showing the interior where the bees are densely packed. The box is placed on a surface covered with black plastic and some snow. The background shows some dry leaves and a metal object.

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# MBA Presidents's Report



The winter has been relatively mild across Manitoba and there are not many beekeepers reporting concern over the winter health of the colonies. Winter survival is expected to be comparable to previous years.

The Manitoba AGM/symposium was conducted on Feb 27-28. We had an excellent set of speakers including Frank Rinkevich and Ray Olivarez. The convention and symposium was well attended and there continues to be support for the MB Beekeepers association and the beekeeping industry.

We are continuing to work towards a Tech transfer program however we are still awaiting grant approval for the implementation of the program/dates/support. Hopefully we will be able to kick off the program this year.

The grant for Rob Currie's research project has been approved, that being said; there is a great deal of shut down happening at the U of M and there is a level of uncertainty surrounding the activities that may or may not be happening there this summer. A start date for the actual research activities will be TBD.

The prospective new honey plant being built in Winnipeg by Bee Maid could open up opportunities for better pricing in the long run for MB BeeMaid members. There will be considerable costs to construction as the plan for the new plant will involve state of the art upgrades and is expected to last for decades to come. The levy structure that Karen Miles has quoted is in the range of 8-9 cents/lb for the next two years.

Lab diagnostic services were restored this year and are now available in Manitoba's Vet Diagnostic lab. For those who want a quicker turnaround time rather than sending it across the country to the NBDC lab in beaverlodge; this is now an option.

It would seem you can't get away from Covid-19 reports these days: Across Manitoba there is concern over the Covid-19 travel restrictions being implemented. As many producers in the province rely on foreign workers the travel restrictions may limit the availability of some much needed help. The travel restrictions are being implemented under the local countries as well; and the airlines are limited to only certain airports for those entering the country. To make matters worse: certain embassies have been shut down, this has limited TFW capacity to prepare and provide travel documentation as required at ports of entry. Osee Podolsky has been working closely with the CHC to facilitate the arrival of TFWs; at the time of this writing it is expected that most will arrive on Chartered flights.

Limitation on available flights have caused concern as packaged bees and queens are expected to have difficulty getting to market as well. Alternate transportation routes are being expected to function to distribute those needed queens from the USA. That does not account for the packages from Australia, possibly New Zealand, and routing is an ongoing issue from Chile. It puts those who rely on sourcing in a difficult spot, and the timing with bees as with all farming: timing is everything. At the time of this writing Air Canada has lifted the long standing restriction on live bees from Chile, and in response to the industry challenges has made accommodations for other live animal shipments across sectors.

Finally; our hope remains that the economy is not left in too much disarray when we are seeking to market our honey. As the sands shift under our feet it is fortunate to know that we are in the food sector and generally that is a recession resistant industry.

Mark Friesen

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# South Central Beekeepers' Association

## Spring Report



What an odd start to the year, we had what looked to be some nice weather coming in to get us into April, but it seems like we can't string more than 3 days of warmth together to really give the bees an advantage. It sounds like most of our membership have been able to do at least a quick inspection on their bees, and from the ones I have heard from so far, many had very good survival over winter. This is encouraging considering the past 2 winters were rough on many beekeepers.

Unfortunately, the current situation with Covid-19 has us following recommendations and we have canceled meetings for the time being until we are advised that meetings larger than 10 people can resume. I am looking forward to resuming meetings when this is all over. For the time being membership can join our Facebook group to chat with other local members, just search "South Central Beekeepers Association" and you should find us.

I wish you all the best with your bees this season, and hope to see you soon when we are able to do so.

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### BEE RESEARCH FUNDS-DONATIONS

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# Member Compliance Action Sought

The Manitoba Beekeepers' Association (MBA) operates under the Manitoba Farm Products Marketing Act. One of the provisions under this Act, Section 6:1(d) requires all commercial beekeepers, producers, or persons who market a regulated product to register with the board or commission. In this case, the Commission is the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association.

At the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Manitoba Beekeepers Association Annual General Meeting, two resolutions were carried by the membership:

5a. Whereas certain honey producers have failed to submit their levies, and the margin of lost revenue is being realized in a significant way. Whereas honey producers have been given notice of overdue accounts in 2019 and remain "off-side" of "paid up" status

**BE IT RESOLVED** that honey producers without "paid up" status of dues 2019 and 2020 be submitted to the Farm Products Marketing board to pursue collections as mandated by the Farm Products Marketing Act.

Moved: W Clark Seconded: Stepler Vote Result: Carried

5b. Whereas certain honey producers have failed to submit their levies, and the margin of lost revenue is being realised in a significant way; Whereas certain improvements in service have been realized with the planed development of a "Knowledge and Research Transfer Program" (KRTP);

**BE IT RESOLVED** that honey producers without "paid up" status of dues 2019 and 2020 be encouraged to pay dues and directed to the substantial benefits in being a member of the Manitoba Beekeepers Association

Moved: M Clark Seconded: Gregory  
Vote Result: Carried

As a board, we take the direction from the membership very seriously. To achieve this mandate given to the board, we plan firstly to implement Resolution 5b (the soft approach) and then secondly, after exhaustive due diligence, proceed to implement Resolution 5a (enforce membership compliance).

On behalf of all Manitoba Beekeepers, as we attempt to address beekeeper concerns, and as we move to enforce membership compliance within our association, your MBA Board are undertaking the following steps:

- Tasked the MBA Membership Resources Committee to manage these resolutions
- Created a Honey Marketing Committee to address our obligation under the Farm Products Marketing Act (FPMA) of promotion, regulation, and marketing as stated under the Manitoba Honey Marketing Plan Regulation (MHMPR). This Marketing Committee will focus on two distinct groups: Beekeepers who market wholesale, Beekeepers who market direct to retail and farmers' markets.
- Conduct a Strategic Plan Review meeting to narrow in specifically on one of its Goals which is to "Address enactment of the Honey Producers Administration Fee Regulation legislation". This Review will be administered through Rural Leadership Development Specialists from Manitoba Agriculture and it will involve collaboration with the Manitoba Farm Products Marketing Council. Points to consider throughout this planning process are:



•Review the Membership Equity Proposal

○Review of the Membership Fee Structure

○Review Designated Representatives as stated under the MBA Administration By-Laws Define a process to invoice members

○Define parameters for informing the Manitoba Farm Products Marketing Council of non-compliant producers

○Develop an appeal process, investigate a refund option, define its parameters and who to contract it out to

○Explore all options available under the FPMA

As a director, I feel strongly about the integrality of our Manitoba Beekeeping Industry. I believe in ‘Grass Roots’; I believe in ‘Associated Effort’; and I believe in ‘Industry Representation’. Those three pillars hold up the integrity of any industry or organization and I honestly feel our industry has lost its connection between those three certain aspects.

As our industry gains presence, builds programs and develops services, the commitment of the membership needs to be reinforced. Membership compliance as stated under the FPMA needs to be followed. Our job as an association is to earn that support and commitment as we represent the values of all Manitoba Beekeepers to our elected officials.

As we proceed throughout the planning process to develop a plan to comply with the FPMA, we will focus on the development of an appeal process to define its parameters and explore all options available allowed under the FPMA to investigate a refund option. We hope that our membership respects that the function and purpose the FPMA is not only to provide clarity around enrolment, but to also define the role that our board plays in representing our Beekeeping Industry.

If anyone has any comments, questions or concerns about this action plan, please do not hesitate to contact me directly through email, at [stepplerfarms@hotmail.com](mailto:stepplerfarms@hotmail.com) .

Ian Stepler, Vice Chair MBA

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## 2020 Manitoba Beekeepers' Association Field day June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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# Red River Apiarists' Association

## Spring Report



It's gray skies and cloudy, chilly weather as I write this piece. Rob and I got home from Cuba around March 21st and, after having completed the two weeks of self-isolation, have begun to move about, all be it carefully. As we waited for news of what COVID-19 might do to our flight home from Cuba, my thoughts were with the beekeepers back home waiting for their workers from Nicaragua and the Philippines and with those workers as well. The dependence on those jobs goes both ways. I wondered how the pandemic would affect flights coming from various directions with packaged bees and queens.

Our January meeting partly consisted of our elections. **President:** John Russell Badiuk, **1st VP:** Tim Kennedy, **2nd VP:** Paul Fauschou, **Secretary:** Monica Weibe, **Treasurer:** John Speer, **MBA Delegate:** Margaret Smith, **RRAA Web Site Admin:** Duane Versluis. **Newsletter Editor:** John Russell.

Praise was given for the sessions being held for those who are newer to beekeeping, as education is a vital component for the RRAA. Several volunteers came forward: David Lee is assistant to Duane for website and fundraising Adele Kennedy leading social committee and is open to help. Bee Yard and training assistant: Robert Young/ Doris Rudolph Doris Rudolf – swarm control and Brad Hogg will be honey show lead.

There was a moving tribute for Ted Sheuneman, given by the three last people he mentored he taught up until the afternoon he died. The presentation that evening was given by Ian Stepllar, who spoke, with lots of visuals, on “I Get Knocked Down, but I Get Back Up Again.” Quite frankly, he had us all hooked when he began with the song! Lots of excellent questions.

At the **February meeting**, besides the usual briefing for us all, by Waldemar Damert on what's happening in the beeyard, John Russell gave us his presentation on “Small Crop Marketing and Processing”, letting us in on how he got going in beekeeping, and on to having quite the market for his honey. The importance of the customers and becoming known as a reliable source for excellent honey.

At our **March meeting**, there was much reported from the MBA Convention about the various speakers. After coffee and mingling, there was an open discussion

The **April and May meetings** of the RRAA have been cancelled and meetings will be resumed who knows when. That's tough on all the novice beekeepers, who have been receiving lots of guidance in our regular meetings. We have not given up on our members, however. Technology is offering such possibilities these days for meeting virtually. In place of April meeting will be a webinar, an experiment. **Rheal is going to give his presentation on the WebEx platform, on Tuesday, April 15, with the help of Brad Hogg.** If this goes well, we may be able to schedule regular meetings/presentations in this form. We intend to keep the newsletter going, so that we keep each other informed and having good information.

The mentor program continues this year, being launched as of the April edition of the newsletter. The “All About the Bees” event is still being planned for the Fall, we will keep everyone posted as to whether and when that even will take place, once the physical distancing issue is not a factor.

RRAA always invites others to join us for our meetings. Hopefully, we will resume meetings September 8 at the Legion at 920 Nairn Ave. For more information, once we get closer to that time, contact John Russell Badiuk honeyb@mymts.net or Call/text 204-612-2337. Come and join us!

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# Research Report

As we wait for our Knowledge Research Transfer Program (KRTP) grant proposal to be approved, the Research Committee has been busy developing ground work for our Tech Transfer program so that we can hit the ground running when it's approved.

One important function we identified to run this Tech Transfer Program was to develop an Advisory/Steering Committee. This committee will work at arms length to the MBA as an advisory panel and it will be used as the platform for Manitoba beekeepers and Industry partners to “steer the ship”. Its purpose will be to identify, evaluate and propose activities that the KRTP could undertake to help the MBA implement a hands-on beekeeper driven support service.

The KRTP Steering Committee will operate under a certain structure:

## **KRTP Steering Committee :**

### **Steering Committee Chair (voting)– by default MBA Research Chair**

- MBA Secretary (non-voting) – **Daryl Wright**
- KRTP Lead (non-voting) –
- Researcher (non-voting) – **Dr. Rob Currie**
- Manitoba Provincial Apiarist (non-voting) – **Rhéal Lafrénière**
- Honey Bee TTT, other provinces (non-voting) –
- Manitoba Regional Beekeeper Associations (3 voting seats)
- Beekeepers at Large (up to 3 voting seats) –
- Industry Partners (up to 3 voting seats,)

(1 seat Crop Production, 1 seat Honey Marketing, 1 seat Habitat & Sustainability)

The steering committee is made up of a number of a membership of voting and non voting seats. The membership on the KRTP steering committee will be a term appointment of 3 years which will be appointed by the MBA BoD. There will be no buy in for a seat, sponsorship will be kept separate from the KRTP Steering Appointments. The committee will sit twice per year.

Currently, we are seeking out “beekeepers at large” to be considered to sit on the steering committee. Also, we are seeking a representative from each of the regional beekeeping associations within our province (RRAA, BABA, SCBA). We have compiled a list of potential applicants but due to Coronavirus...the development of this list has been staggered until Regional and KRTP meetings can respectfully resume to allow for nomination, discussion and appointment to these seats. If you are

interested in participating on the KRTP Steering Committee, contact Ian Stepler, Research Chair, [stepplerfarms@hotmail.com](mailto:stepplerfarms@hotmail.com)

Another important point we decided to implement was the development of a KRTP Sponsorship Program. As we develop this program based on government grants, our goal is to have this program evolve towards a Self-sustaining program model. One of the ways we could achieve this is to provide “Pay for Fee Services” which would help cover operating costs of some of the services provided by the program. The other is to develop a Sponsorship program which would invite industry and other like-minded partners to participate through:

- Direct Program Sponsorship
- Project Specific Sponsorship

Our objective is to find like-minded industry partners to help invest in the future of Beekeeping in Manitoba. The most obvious being the Manitoba Canola Growers Association (MCGA) and the Manitoba Cooperative Honey Producers (MCHP).



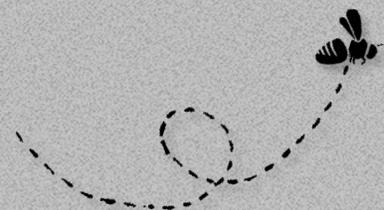
After consecutive meetings with these two organizations, the committee has enthusiastically welcomed the support of the MCGA and the MCHP towards our Tech Transfer Program.

The MCGA has sponsorship the KRTP on a three-year term and has accepted a seat on the KRTP steering committee to be filled by a MCGA Research committee member (TBD). Manitoba canola producers are important to the Manitoba beekeeping industry and with their involvement within our KRTP, we will be able to hinge a line of communication between producers as our industries move forward.

The MCHP has accepted a seat on the KRTP steering committee and will be filling it with a director. A marketing influence on this committee is important as we move this project forward and we are excited to have the MCHP as a partner because of their influential presence in the honey marketing world.

We plan to continue to meet with other like-minded partners for support as we further develop the ground work to this program. We hope to hear back from Ag Action Manitoba shortly.

Ian Stepler, Chair Research and KRTP committee,  
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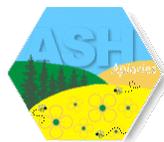
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