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MBA PRESIDENTS'S REPORT



Mark Friesen

Spring 2019



The convention was lots of fun; thanks everyone for attending. The inclusion of the CHC components were also very productive; I hope other members from Manitoba had a chance to meet some of the CHC delegates from across Canada. The CHC meetings the night before included some interesting speakers on expanding in the new foreign markets and experiences as well as programs like the EDC (export development Canada) for those seeking new markets. I enjoyed the excellent speakers and was interested with the specific comments from Peter Awram and how they may relate to the strong resolution passed by membership to pursue stricter accredited methods (like NMR) for honey testing.

The following MBA meetings have been ongoing: meeting with Miles Beaudin (director for MB Ag), implementation of Strategic plan, and introduction of the new SFCR program

Our meeting with the Ag director was very successful and I expect Ian will share the intricacies of that meeting,

We have fully approved the new Strategic plan and are excited to see its implementation as an excellent guiding document for those in the director positions. Understanding the role of the association to lead and place everyone in a good position to do the best they can with their described duties will make our organization run smoother.

Manitoba has acquired the SFCR (safe food for Canadian regulation) guidelines outlined by Beary Berry in Alberta. The program must be implemented in the 2019-2020 year for all those who have a food handling facility and plan to export/interprovincial sell honey in excess of \$100,000. Getting the program came with some negotiation and is the same framework being given access to (ABC) Alberta Beekeepers Commission, (SBC) Saskatchewan Beekeepers Commission, and BeeMaid members. The program has been reviewed and although may seem a bit redundant will be required once your standing CFIA certificate expires. The Beary Berry guidelines were put to the test under the new regime of SFCR and passed within tolerances. The expectation is that each individual operation will be given these documents to work with and if they are within your current Food Safety Program already then you may not have to make any changes to your program. Reading through the guidelines will enable you to determine a close adherence. Those who simply take these documents and pin them to the wall without adhering to program definitions may find they are in violation of the new SFCR program. You will also have to setup an account with SFCR and provide a number of details in the my CFIA web ap.

Honey prices remain low; numbers I have heard quoted range from \$1.80 to \$1.55 CAD FOB.

We currently have no beekeepers picnic/ field day planned, however we are planning a workshop for the fall (possibly Nosema testing) if everything goes as planned.

Members should have got an email blast for a collaborative effort by the MBA and BeeMaid to offer a session on the implementation of the Beary berry SFCR program. The first sessions happening in April and for those who miss out on the sessions this spring we will have another implementation session in the fall.

Serious concerns over the Africanized honey bee in California may threaten our supply of queens should Health Canada determine that there is a biohazard risk associated with that region. Certainly the efforts of MBA to access Chilean sources fit our model of effective alternatives going forward. I would encourage everyone to keep an ear to the ground on this topic and perhaps consider alternative sourcing to improve the market potential going forward.



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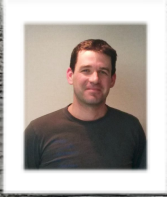
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Ian Steppler

MBA meets with Manitoba Agriculture

On March 14th, Ian Steppler (director) and Daryl Wright (Secretary) of the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association sat down with Miles Beaudin, Director of Primary Agriculture Manitoba Agriculture and Rheal Lafreniere, Provincial Apiarist for a full day meeting around our industry support, growth and development.

This was our second meeting with Miles in regards to a number of industry objectives the MBA has set out as priorities to protect and to move our Beekeeping industry forward. There was a lot accomplished during this meeting!

Our provincial disease inspection service has been negotiated for a 3 years term with further investment into the program to help achieve our 5% target. This will ensure our commercial operations are adequately covered and it will provide the flexibility for Rheal to administer the program to include smaller hobby type beekeepers into the program. We are extremely happy to have this program in place again and to have the increased investment to adapt this program to recognize our changing industry dynamics. This service has been identified as important to all commercial beekeepers.

The Manitoba Beekeepers Association has been negotiating extensively to bring honeybee diagnostic services back to Manitoba Beekeepers. Details are still getting ironed out by Rheal but it appears that we will have access to AFB, rAFB, EFB, varroa, Nosema and viral analysis (DWV, KBV, IBPV) analysis as a cost recovery service. The Broad-spectrum Honey Bee Diagnostic Service will be administered through the Veterinary Diagnostics Services with collaboration from the U of M and run as a satellite service of the National Bee Diagnostic Center. Processing of samples are expected to begin Mid May. For more information on how to collect and submit samples contact Rheal Lafreniere 204-945-4825, email Rheal.Lafreniere@gov.mb.ca.

With the resignation of David Ostermann, our provincial pollination specialist, we have been lobbying hard to ensure our industry does not fall short on support services if the position gets cut due to attrition. This position is important to our industry as not only does it provide our industry with needed support services, it acted as the function of succession planning around our Provincial Apiarist. It is important that our industry have the proper function around providing transitions between these positions so that the interruption of support doesn't fall to the detriment of beekeepers.

Within our lobbying efforts and negotiations there have been discussions around "thinking outside of the box" and to evolve our industry services to better serve and bring more value to our honey bee industry. There is a willingness within government to help support the efforts of industry to develop industry support programs which move towards self reliance, sustainable efforts and better value to the tax payer, industry and to producers. As has been clearly stated as a top priority within our strategic plan document, our industry wants to develop a Technical Transfer Program.

We have requested the development of a technical transfer program to serve our Manitoba Beekeepers. A service that would work at arms length from the government and arms length from the association to work directly with beekeepers on extension, research and any such activities needed or supported by Manitoba Beekeepers.

From direction given to the MBA at the AGM from our membership, Rheal has developed a proposal to hire in a consultant to help draft a feasibility study/ business plan for the development of a Technical Transfer Program. As it's developed, we plan on using the direction from our membership (survey monkey) to identify objectives and priorities that are important to Manitoba Beekeepers and develop the Tech Transfer Program to best suit OUR Manitoba beekeeping needs.

What might this program look like? The program would be developed through stages which would focus on the priorities of Manitoba producers (survey monkey). Perhaps it would establish closely within the U of M entomology department to bring a strong research component which would secure its base. Have this position work directly with beekeepers on extension by collaborating closely with other TTP nationally and internationally to bring better management practices back to Manitoba beekeepers and help promote the application of all this available academic knowledge into something actually tangible and useful to Manitoba beekeepers. More tools in the hands of Manitoba Beekeepers! This is a conversation I think we need to elaborate on as we move forward on the creation of this



project. I would suggest we have an open conversation between beekeepers, within associations, to Rheal Lafreniere and to the the MBA so we can collaborate in the development of this project. With all of our association development efforts through the department of Manitoba Agriculture, our province is as close as ever in finally getting this kind of service to our beekeeping industry!

Energy and dedicated drive is a group or association's most precious resource. Without it, that group or association has nothing. But with it, everything happens. It's fun to feel that dedicated energy within our Manitoba Beekeeping Industry!



by Margaret Smith

Spring Report



If you want to be in the midst of energy and excitement about beekeeping, then you need to attend a RRAA meeting! As a mentor, it's neat to listen to that "chomping at the bit" that goes on at this time of year, when all of us experience that urge to dive into our hives to see how those creatures of ours fared over the winter months. Gaining that balance of "too soon" and "too late" is one that varies from year to year, so helping newcomers to beekeeping learn that, helps make it exciting to be a mentor.

Once we had our Executive in place, the task turned to setting things in place for upcoming meetings. As usual, some of the speakers for meetings come from within our organization and some from outside. Tim Kennedy and others have done a really good job of making the meetings worth attending. More experienced beekeepers are encouraged to present a topic for the "newbies" session, which meets upstairs, before the formal meeting downstairs at the Legion on Nairn.

The April meeting we had Dr. Kyle Bobiwash, from the University of Manitoba, speaking on The Pollinator Resource Landscape. Hopefully, May's meeting will feature Dr. Rob Currie, also from U. of M., on the Genetics Effect. This will wrap up the meetings until the Fall.

The RRAA Apiary near Stonewall will be in operation again this year. This provides opportunities for newer beekeepers to have access to good beekeeping hands on methods and learning. For more information, contact John Russell Badiuk honeyb@mts.net

The RRAA Executive has decided that we will push the idea a field day to next year, when there will be more time and bodies to budget and plan in advance, hopefully in conjunction with the MBA.

Brad Hogg, however, is hosting a OTS Workshop and Educational Session, on June 1, 2019 at their place near Libau. This will be open to all beekeepers, featuring John Schwartz, from Solon, OH. The method option sounds interesting – one more tool in our toolkits!

We have welcomed visitors from BABA and South Central beekeepers' associations to our meetings. It's exciting to extend /receive ideas between different areas of the province. **Join us for great speakers, coffee, tea and goodies, fellowship and more: Second Tuesday of each month (Jan. through May and Sept. through Nov.) 6:45 p.m. upstairs for new beekeepers and 7:30 downstairs for all beekeepers together, at the Legion , 720 Nairn Ave., Winnipeg.**


That's it for now – wishing you all a successful beekeeping season. Marg



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MANITOBA AGRICULTURE EXTENSION REPORT

Rhéal Lafrenière
Provincial Apiarist

Honey Bee Inspection Program

Manitoba Agriculture is in the process of finalizing the contract for the Honey Bee Inspection program. At the time of writing this article, the Request for Quotation (RFQ) (a.k.a. tendering of the contract) was in the process of being published and the anticipated start date for the successful contractor is set for May 1, 2019. The contract will be for a period of two (2) years concluding on April 30, 2021. There will be an option to renew for one (1) additional option year, ending April 30, 2022.



The proposed contract will be to inspect 4% – 5% of the honey bee colonies in the province (i.e. between 5,000 to 6,000 honey bee colonies per annum). The focus of the inspection will be AFB/EFB inspection. Manitoba Agriculture will provide the Inspection Service Contractor (ISC) with the Inspection Priority List, which will identify the number of apiaries and colonies to inspect per honey bee producer. The ISC will be responsible for selecting which apiaries and which colonies to inspect for individual beekeeper. The Inspection Priority List also includes contact and location information, which will be used by the ISC to coordinate inspection appointments with producers. The Inspection Priority List provided to the ISC will divide the province into four (4) beekeeping regions: Northwest, Southwest, Eastern/Interlake and Central, which includes Winnipeg. Each region will have a list of honey bee producers that should be inspected that year. Producers wanting to be inspected that are not on the priority list will be inspected outside of the contracted service agreement. The inspection need to be coordinated through the Provincial Apiarist's office.

The ISC will be responsible for coordinating the collection and analysis of the samples deemed necessary, including but not limited to dead bee larvae, adults and brood comb suspected to be infected with any of the regulated diseases. The ISC will also be responsible for filing the inspection and diagnostic results with Manitoba Agriculture as well as reporting the inspection results to the respective producers.

The ISC and all of the employees or subcontractors employed by the ISC to conduct honey bee inspections will be appointed as bee inspectors under *The Bee Act* and as such are empowered with the "Powers of Inspectors" as outlined in the Act.

Powers of inspectors:

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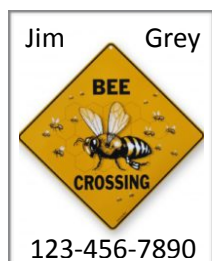
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d. Inspect any bees or beekeeping equipment; or

e. Where reasonably required for purposes of this Act, take and retain any bees or beekeeping equipment as samples for test purposes.

Power of Inspectors will be granted to the ISC and employees or subcontractors conducting inspections until the end of the Contract or until the individual inspector ceases to be involved in the Contract.

Apiary Signage:



This inspection season, bee inspectors will be handing out warning notices to all beekeepers that do not have signage at their apiaries (a.k.a. beeyards) that comply with the minimum requirement outlined in The Bee Act.

- Every person owning or operating an apiary shall erect and maintain at the site of the apiary a sign clearly stating the name and address of the registered beekeeper. It would also be beneficial to include a contact phone number.

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Honey Bee Diagnostic Services

Manitoba Agriculture has been consulting with the Department of Entomology at the University of Manitoba and the National Bee Diagnostic Centre (NBDC) in Alberta to get their assistance on re-establishing honey bee diagnostic services in Manitoba. The U of M has provided advice on methodologies for molecular testing for several common honey bee viruses (e.g. DWV, KBV, IAPV, and BQCV) as well as for nosemosis.

The NBDC has agreed to provide advice on the methodologies and protocols for culturing and PCR analysis of economically important bacterial diseases, such as AFB and EFB. At this time, the assistance provided by NBDC has been primarily in the form of advice, but NBDC is in the process of developing an MOU to formalize the relationship. Once the MOU is in place, NBDC will share detailed testing protocols. In addition to providing methodologies and protocols, NBDC will also provide MB Ag with positive controls (PCs) and training for staff.

With the exception of varroa mite analysis, Veterinary Diagnostic Services staff at the Ag Services complex will be managing the honey bee diagnostic services program. Crop Diagnostic Centre staff at the Ag Services complex will be conducting the varroa mite analysis. Veterinary Diagnostic Services is expected to be able to receive and process samples starting in mid-May. The National Bee Diagnostic Centre is able to receive and process samples at anytime. For information on how to collect and submit samples, please visit the following website or contact the Provincial Apiarist; Ph: 204-945-4825 or email: Rheal.Lafreniere@gov.mb.ca

Broad-spectrum Honey Bee Disease Diagnostic Services (AFB/EFB/Nosema/Varroa/Viruses):

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<https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/animal-health-and-welfare/veterinary-diagnostic-services.html>



2019 Award Recipients



Congratulations to Daryl Wright, Secretary for the MBA and long time Beekeeper for accepting the CHC Fred Rathje Award! The Fred Rathje Memorial Award is presented to a Canadian beekeeper who has demonstrated effective leadership in making a significant contribution to the improvement of beekeeping. This award is in honour of Fred Rathje who was the Canadian Honey Council Secretary from 1975 to 1982, and was well known for his enthusiasm and love of anything pertaining to honey.



Congratulations to Bryan Ash for accepting the MBA Bee Hive Award! This award is presented to those who have supported and acted in more dynamic ways to support the industry either through Research, technical development and expertise, or the expansion of industry into new markets and industry development strategies. Manitoba Beekeepers Association 113th Annual Convention, Evening Banquet, February 22 2019.

2019 Convention Report

The Manitoba Beekeepers Association 113th annual convention has been marked up by many as a success. As an association, we feel it is important to provide our membership with a chance to gather together and discuss the current issues that face our honey bee industry. This platform gives our association a chance to extend out to other jurisdictions and invite in influential beekeepers to speak on beekeeping related issues which help bring context and perspective to our conversations.



At the convention I sat and talked with a retired couple who have been beekeeping for 5 or more years but had only attended the convention for the first time. The comment I will remember is exactly why our association puts so much time and effort into hosting this event; "I had no idea of some of these greater issues within our industry and all the attention put towards it!"

An overbooked trade show, 125 plus registered participants and high profile speakers indulged our Manitoba Beekeeping Industry into everything beekeeping for two days and flipped our association a profit! The event was recorded and it will be available on our website, www.manitobabee.org for any member who missed the event. Planning has already started for next years event!

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Manitoba Beekeepers Association Trade Mission to Chile – Daryl Wright



During the past several months the MBA Directors have worked towards arranging a Trade Mission to Chile. Discussion at the Board level has determined that there are real opportunities for the industry to work more closely with the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture and beekeepers in Manitoba and Chile to the betterment of the Manitoba Industry.

Over the years, New Zealand and Australian queens supply has been decreasing and there does not appear to be much interest from these countries to increase supply to Canada. The spread of Africanized bees in the US have also caused many Manitoba beekeepers to be more cautious about importing queens from California and Hawaii. Currently Hawaii is regarded as the premiere supplier of queens in Canada. The concern now is that it is important to diversify the sources for queens to reduce the risks of dependency on one single supplier.



Manitoba has a growing demand for Canadian produced honey bee queens, but the demand for import queens is still very high and cannot be ignored. Last year over 30,000 queens were imported to Manitoba and over 250,000 queens nationally. In order to produce the best imported-stock for the honey bee industry, we should be requesting to have more Canadian genetics in our imported queens. Chilean queen breeders have expressed interest in incorporating Canadian honey bee genetics into their breeding program. Having high quality import stock would not only benefit Manitoba beekeepers that import queens but would also provide greater genetic diversity of quality drones for open mating with local Manitoba queens.

Two of the objectives of this Mission are to:

- Facilitate business meetings between Canadian queen and package bee import/export businesses and Chilean queen honey bee import/export businesses.
- Facilitate meetings with representatives from the Chilean agriculture government to investigate the possibility of exporting honey bee genetics to Chile.

Another objective is to see if Temporary Foreign Worker seasons in beekeeping, there beekeepers from Chile to beekeepers from Canada to

This Trade Mission, with postponed until 2019. Association wishes to start the and beekeepers. Recognizing was felt that sending a would help to expedite the and the protocol for importing meetings have been Apicultural Technology Centre, SAG, Canadian Trade Commissioner and local beekeepers who are exporting queens to Manitoba and internationally.



there is interest in labour and the Program. With the opposite is an opportunity for experienced work in Canada and experienced work in Chile.

industry partners, has been However the Manitoba Beekeepers relationship with Chilean officials that this is a long term project, it representative to Chile this year process to establish relationships genetics to Chile. To this end, confirmed with Universities, Pro Chile, Ministry of Agriculture,

I visited Chile from December 2 to 7. From the various meetings with government and Beekeeping specialists, there was great anticipation and interest in improving the trade between our countries with respect to a quality and consistent product. Beekeepers that I met were also in agreeance that providing a queen that would be beneficial to our climate would help their trade and also genetic stock in their operations.

What are the next steps? There are many. Applying for CFIA and SAG to import bee genetics to Chile will be one step. We must show that are genetics are disease and pest free so testing. Once we are able to export Canadian genetics to Chile, distribution, artificial insemination and kept in a controlled environment are all factors that must be considered. Once the product is imported to Canada, testing must occur to ensure the qualities we select are present. Discussions have included future meetings during Apimondia in Montreal and visits from Chilean beekeepers to Manitoba.

This will not be a short term project but the supply of known genetic queens for producers will be a benefit. This can also be a benefit to queen producers in Manitoba.

The MBA wishes to express our gratitude to Arturo Gardeweg, International Business Development, Manitoba Trade and Investment and Rheal Lafreniere, Manitoba Agriculture in developing and communicating to the government officials in Chile our desire to work with them to benefit the respective industries.

Interlake / KAP Report

The indoor colonies have all been placed out at the time of writing this article and they are looking great. Outside colonies have suffered due to the extended cold in February, however hives that were buried under snow drifts did much better. Reports from local beekeepers also indicate average mortality. Black bear tracks have been spotted so we are busy putting up our bear fences when servicing the colonies. Runoff has been less than average and we are hoping for a wetter , cooler summer.

As the KAP representative on MBA, while attending executive meetings, I am impressed with all the Boards that KAP represents us on . Beekeeper issues include: the new antibiotic laws , card-lock carbon tax on dyed fuel (and it was not a slam / dunk that we would be exempt at all from this new federal tax) , TFW worker bureaucracy , rural cell coverage, highway conditions, canola industry problems , to name a few. KAP has strength through it's membership and it should be incumbent on all beekeepers to be a KAP member. With the KAP membership there are many discounts available for hotel rooms , insurance, cell phone carriers discounts. Please visit their website to learn more.

Next time you are fueling up at your local card-lock it was KAP / CFA that did the heavy lifting to have farmers exempt from the carbon tax!

Hoping for a good spring and safe travels to all the beekeepers.

Regards,
Paul Gregory

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TREASURER

The MBA is pleased to announce the appointment of Nadine Lecocq to the position of Treasurer, effective March 22/2019.

Nadine has over 16 years experience in treasurer duties and has carried out them out on a volunteer and board member capacity. She is a beekeeper with her husband and has performed the bookkeeping duties for their family apiary business, since 2004.

She has worked as a professional Laboratory Technologist for 30 years and plans on applying this same level of accuracy and professionalism to her new position. Her contact information is listed in this newsletter. Please welcome Nadine as our new treasurer.





Barry Fingler Memorial Research Fund

BACKGROUND: Because the MBA members present at the 2018 MBA AGM passed a resolution regarding the use of the BFMRF, the Board set up a committee to explore options, with the result of the following resolution:

Whereas the Barry Fingler Memorial Research Fund (BFMRF) has existed for a number of years without regular use, and ;

Whereas the BFMRF was meant to be used for special projects to enhance knowledge of the beekeeping industry surrounding the issue of bee health;

BE IT RESOLVED that the MBA Board be enabled to up to \$3000, to fund the development of a Business Plan for a Transfer Tech Team for the province of Manitoba.

Adulterated Honey

Whereas beekeepers within the province of Manitoba are frustrated with the news of adulterated honey being imported into Canada;

Whereas beekeepers do not seem to be able to get answers or action on this matter:

BE IT RESOLVED that the MBA urge the CHC to continue to lobby CFIA for stricter accredited methods for testing of all imported honey, using the most modern methods (e.g., NMR testing) available.

University of Manitoba

Whereas the Head of the Department of Entomology, Dr. Robert Currie, and his post – grad research students carry out many research projects that relate directly to the beekeeping community and health of our honey bees;

BE IT RESOLVED that the MBA request the RRAA, BABA and SCBA, to send a letter to the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba, expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation for the dedicated work both in the field and the lab, carried on by Dr. Currie and his students, and our hope is that this important research in our field may continue.

Manitoba Agriculture Bee Specialists

Whereas all beekeepers within the Province of Manitoba have benefitted from the knowledge and support of the Provincial Apiarist, Rheel Lafreniere and Provincial Pollination Specialist, David Ostermann,

BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be sent from the board of the MBA, on behalf of all beekeepers, to the Minister of Agriculture, expressing our sincere appreciation for such support.

Regional Organizations

Whereas: The Manitoba Beekeepers Association (MBA) recognises that the Regional Organizations in Manitoba provide tremendous educational benefit and outreach to Manitoba Beekeepers and the MBA would like to support their educational activities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the MBA provide up to \$750 to Regional Organizations for room bookings and workshops, upon the receipt of a formal request from the Association outlining purpose, costs, and benefit to the beekeepers. This request will also contain the latest Annual General Meeting Minutes and List of Executive.



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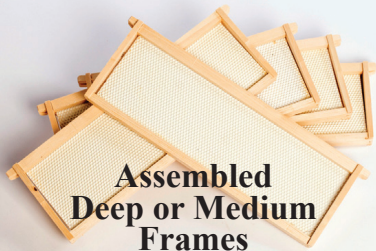
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- Keep limited field and/or production records
- 1 year previous commercial beekeeping experience required

Start Date:

March 11/2019 - May 6/2019

End Date: October 31/2019

Wage: \$12.00 - \$15.00 upon experience

Positions Available: 20

APIARY TECHNICIAN

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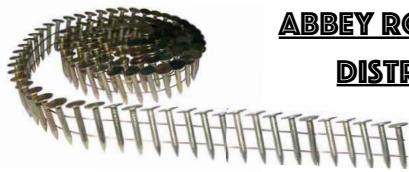
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THE POSITIONS: Seasonal full time, days, evenings, Saturdays as required; Medical Benefits; Language is English and Spanish; Must have own transportation; Must be able to handle heavy loads as work is physically demanding; Must work well with others and be able to learn continuously.

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