

AAPA Annual Business Meeting

Port Deposit, MD - August 7, 2001

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Pettis at 8:00 pm.

The following individuals signed the attendance sheet: M. Arechavaleta, D. Caron, S. Cobey, A. Collins, K. Delaplane, J. Harbo, A. Harman, M. Hood, Z. Huang, G. Hunt, E. Mussen, W. Mangum, M. Nasr, N. Ostiguy, G. Otis, J. Pettis, B. Rubink, J. Skinner, B. Smith, M. Spivak, W. Troup, T. Webster, and A. Wenner.

President's Report

1. Jeff apologized for sparse communication during the year.
2. As AAPA President, he was contacted by the media a number of times, demonstrating that we are recognized as a credible information source.
3. Next year's meeting will be a joint meeting with CAPA and AIA. (see under New Business)

Secretary's Report

1. The current Secretary/Treasurer is still trying to get organized following a protracted move between offices in different buildings. Marla Spivak is still carrying quite a bit of the load before the transfer of duties is completed.
2. The Minutes of the previous Business Meeting (January 12, 2001) were published over the website. There were no corrections recommended and the Minutes were approved as published.
3. The supplies and availabilities of CAPA and AAPA publications were discussed. The supply of CAPA Pollination pubs at U Minn is exhausted. AIA apparently still has some. The old CAPA Disease pubs are gone, also. A CAPA representative stated that a revised version may be ready as soon as March of 2002, but AAPA has not made any kind of offer to pre-purchase copies.
4. Tom Webster is going to investigate the possibility of purchasing reprints of the latest Cornell U.S. pollination study from Bee Culture (see under New Business).

Treasurer's Report

1. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. A copy is appended.
2. A letter and \$500.00 contribution to the James Baxter Fund from AAPA will be mailed ASAP (done August 12th).

Standing Committees

Member Awards

None was given at this meeting, since one was presented in January to Dr. William T. Wilson.

Nominations

Committee members J. Skinner, K. Delaplane, and H. Shimanuki noted that the executive officers are entering the second of two-year terms. They nominated M. Spivak be elected as Director to replace M. Sanford, who resigned from active involvement in honey bee extension this year. Marla was so elected.

The Secretary was directed to send Tom an official letter of recognition for all his efforts on behalf of the organization and wishes of good luck in the future (done August 12th).

Pesticides

Hopefully, Bayer is close to obtaining the Section 3 for general use of CheckMite+ strips. Some states are reluctant to continue requesting a Section 18 for the product, because they are concerned about the safety of the product. Apparently, some beekeepers think that after two years of coumaphos, they can return to using fluralinate. That is apt to be overly optimistic.

Acaricides based on essential oils are a bit harder to register than thought. Single active ingredient materials, like thymol, may be pushed through most easily. It is quite difficult to write specific use labels for Apilife VAR, with four active ingredients, and ApiGard (sponsored by Steve Forrest).

Formic acid still has packaging problems. The plastic bag has to be thick walled to pass hazardous materials standards. The current thinking is to sell the acid in shampoo bottles (DOT approved). The Clemson Packaging Department has been asked for creative inputs.

Cymiazol (from the distributors of Apistan) does not provide the high levels of mite control of previous labeled products, but the company is trying to register it in the US.

Regulations

Our organization's letter, written and mailed by M. Ellis, informed the EPA that we had serious reservations about the proposed changes to pesticide labels, when it came to honey bee (pollinator) protection. The EPA has not responded to the letter or published their final draft in the Federal Register.

Student Awards

A. Harman announced that Selim Dedej, University of Georgia, won the \$1000.00 scholarship award. The next day she also announced that he had won the \$50 student paper contest. A congratulatory letter containing two checks was mailed on August 12th.

Ad Hoc Committees

Importation

The anticipated draft on the subject was not available. President Pettis noted that whatever our organization or the US government decides, the final word on the subject may come from the Office of International Epizootics, the world authority. Also, bee importation issues are part of the larger GATT agreements that prohibit protective measures to limit imports unless real dangers from importation of said materials (bee stocks) can be documented.

Old Business

None. Proposed by-laws amendment remained tabled.

New Business

Student Paper Evaluation Form devotes 10 points of 100 for the Abstract. In most cases, the abstract has not been available until after the presentation. Either the judging form should be modified or the abstract submitted sooner. It was decided that the latter was preferable, and Ann will emphasize that fact in the call for contestants next meeting.

T. Webster has received printing quotes from Bee Culture of \$3,000 for 2,000 (\$1.50 each), \$3,500 for 5,000 (\$0.70 each), or \$5,000 for 10,000 (\$0.50 each) for reprints of the US pollination report from Cornell. He would determine if: a. A.I.Root Co. would be willing to let us sell the reprints at a profit (and, perhaps buy some back from us), and b. if the authors would need to receive some sort of payment for our use of their information. The publisher stated that they did not have the funds in their current budget to print another order of reprints.

G. Hunt reported that there is a new North Central Regional Project (NCR 202) that provides funding for appropriate (current Committee members and future appointments - "show an interest by attending") individuals to travel to a meeting annually for the purposes set forth in the Project proposal. Availability of funds for travel to that meeting is determined for each individual by his or her Experiment Station Director. The next Project meeting will be in Savannah, GA, on January 19th, 2002. They are trying to recruit an economist and other experts from "relevant" areas

outside of the honey bee realm. A meeting of the Heartland Apicultural Society, a spin-off of the NCR activities, is scheduled for July 11-13 at Goshen College, in Goshen, Indiana. Contact Greg if you wish to learn more about these meeting or to attend.

Visibility - President Pettis will delicately approach the American Beekeeping Federation to see whether or not they would like to integrate our organization into their structure in a formal way; like having a representative on some ABF committees. President Pettis will explain who we represent and see if our opinions may be of some value. If the ABF Board votes to include AAPA, then the AAPA President will attend their meeting and represent the organization.

N. Ostiguy volunteered to attend the next CAPA meeting, in Banff (Alberta, Canada), in January. We will have to work closely with CAPA incoming President Rob Currie and local Organizer Pat Westlake of the Ontario Beekeepers to coordinate next year's triple-header meeting (see below). D. Caron said that he would act as liaison. Currently, Pat wants good estimates of participants, more than anything else. It is possible that members of bee organizations from New York, Michigan, and perhaps Ontario could swell the numbers considerably.

Next Year's Meeting

It is expected that CAPA, Canadian Honey Council (CHC), AAPA, and AIA will meet jointly, at Niagara Falls, probably from December 3-8th, with presentations on three days. The meeting sessions will be held in Canada, but some Americans may have to be housed in the US over night.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric C. Mussen
Secretary/Treasurer