

# Minutes

**AAPA 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting  
San Antonio Omni Hotel, San Antonio, Texas  
January 8, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President John Skinner at 1:38 pm.

## President's Report –

It is probable that the AAPA annual meeting and the ABRC will be held together from now on. Dr. Marion Ellis did a marvelous job of scheduling the speakers and handling the media for the presentations.

President Skinner has decided to meet with the American Beekeeping Federation in Reno next January. The Apiary Inspectors of America are meeting there, at that time, also

## Minutes and Treasurer's Reports –

The Minutes of the 2002 Annual Business Meeting held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada on December 4, 2002, were accepted as emailed to the membership. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as delivered. There was \$10,411.42 in the treasury as of December 31, 2003.

## Standing Committee Reports –

Program Committee: Due to the number of presentations to be delivered at ABRC and some room scheduling problems for Saturday, presentations were delivered well into Friday evening.

Awards: The presentations of four students were judged for an award during the ABRC program. Nick Aliano, M.S. student with Dr. Marion Ellis, won the competition and was awarded \$50.

Katie Bohrer, of the University of Maryland, was awarded the 2004 \$1,000.00 research scholarship to complete her studies on the washboard dance of honey bees.

Both winners had very nice write-ups, with pictures, published in a bee journal.

Dr. Diana Sammataro received a \$100.00 cash award for the Best Scientific Presentation at the American Beekeeping Federation Convention held in Jacksonville, FL, this past January. The award is presented by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bess and is funded by Dr. Roger Hoopingarner.

Nominations: The names of Drs. Diana Sammataro and Greg Hunt were submitted to replace out-going Board of Directors members Drs. Mike Hood and Tom Webster. Drs.

Marla Spivak and Jeff Pettis remain on the Board. Drs. Marion Ellis and Eric Mussen remained as Vice-president and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively.

Pesticides: Sucroicide®, trade name for a sucrose octanoate (sucrose ester) formulation registered for use on honey bees, became available to beekeepers for Varroa control. It acts somewhat like a detergent, has to contact the mites in order to kill them, and is labeled to be applied three consecutive times at 7-10 day intervals to obtain reasonable mite control. Many formulators are trying to get formic and oxalic acid formulations on the market. The propane-fired food grade mineral oil (FGMO) fogger is being used in some areas and not simply to deliver mineral oil.

Regulations: The Canadians seem to be about ready to open the Canadian border to U.S. queen bees. Certification will be based on freedom from disease and parasites. Absence of AHB genes will be based either on distance from known areas of “colonization” or from DNA tests run by a qualified laboratory.

#### Old Business –

Remaining publications: Dr. Marla Spivak is still in possession of more AAPA Pollinators in Your Garden publications than she wants. Some Master Gardener groups and Garden Clubs have been very appreciative of my handing that information out to them. Other very select presenters also have requested them from me. You just have to find the right audience. There are 750 copies per box and we are selling them for \$1.00 each copy. If you don't have \$750, Marla can cut you a real deal.

There still is a pretty good supply of the Cornell 2000 Pollination Stats left around. We sell them to our members for \$0.50 apiece. They come 500 in a box (\$250.00).

#### New Business –

Dr. Jerry Bromenshenk distributed three handouts from his laboratory work. They are starting up a special laboratory devoted to determining the effects of agricultural chemicals on honey bees. They also developed a programmable, responding micro-chip that can be used to label any item and be read from quite a distance from a transmitter. The reading is displayed immediately on a computer screen. Jerry is also WAS President this year and invited everyone to come to the early July meeting.

ABRC Abstract Printing: We will, again, inform the American Bee Journal that we collect and will pass through \$50 for each abstract printed.

APHIS Proposed Importation Regulations: The APHIS proposal for importing queens from Australia and New Zealand has been expanded to include Argentina (Argentine queens are being advertised in our Bee Journals). Not much has been heard, lately, but it seems that the

whole Honey Bee Act may be rewritten to allow more international trade. The sticky point is the required level of bee inspection desired within the countries of origin.

Publications: The supply of our AAPA *Varroa* publication is exhausted. There is little desire to reprint it in its current state, since much information on mite control has changed. However, it is going to continue to change. So, should we rewrite the publication as a stand alone entity, or should it be in two physically separate sections: biology and control? That decision was left up to a committee of Drs. Diana Sammataro, Keith Delaplane, John Skinner, and Tom Webster.

Elections of New Officers: The slate of officers and board members submitted by the Nomination Committee was elected by acclamation.

Future Meeting Site: John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort Hotel, Sparks, Nevada, Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. For reservations call: 800-648-1177 and ask for the ABF price.

Adjournment –

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric C. Mussen  
AAPA Secretary/Treasurer