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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Beekeepers,

Spring appears to be in full swing and the packages are doing great. I hope everyone wanting packages was able to get them in time. The weather has been warm the last week in April in central Illinois, and I have had about a half dozen swarm calls. A couple of them appeared to be after-swarms, not very many bees. I have been supering, but seem to be getting bogged down chasing swarms. So, there must be some colonies living in the wild that the mites haven't "wiped out." I hope all the swarms that you catch are from the neighbors' hives, and that you have a successful spring.

Richard E. Ramsey
President ISBA

MINUTES OF THE 108th STATE CONVENTION ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Saturday, November 13, 1999
Holiday Inn East
Springfield, Illinois

President Rich Ramsey called the assembly to order at 9:10 a.m. and welcomed all attendees to the 108th Convention. After a few opening remarks, President Ramsey introduced Lloyd Lindenfelser who gave the Invocation. President Ramsey further stated that there is a very strong need to recruit new beekeepers. President Ramsey then called for the Secretary's Report. Secretary Rita Taylor presented her Report (see page 3). Ken Beauchamp motioned that the ISBA Secretary's Report be accepted. Earl Lutz seconded the motion. All votes aye.

In regard to the Youth in Beekeeping Program, a report was presented by Keith Koch of Mt. Sterling, Illinois. Keith is ten years old and a member of Lower Illinois Valley Beekeepers' Association. Keith told of his experiences with his hive and working with his Grandpa. Treasurer Meyer was asked to make a check payable to Lower Illinois Valley Beekeepers' Association for sponsoring a youth in beekeeping.

President Ramsey called for the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Udell Meyer presented his Report (see page 3). Ken Beauchamp motioned the ISBA Treasurer's Report be accepted. Rick Nuss seconded the motion. All votes aye. President Ramsey discussed C-

Far Research of which the State Association is a member.

President Ramsey introduced Mike Hood, an entomologist from Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina. Mr. Hood presented "A Review of a New Bee Problem: the Small Hive Beetle." He discussed where the small hive beetle came from and stated that at least ten states have reported its presence. Slides were shown outlining damage to combs and the different experiments trying to trap the beetle. Mr. Hood further stated that Guardstar is registered for soil treatment, and that strong colonies are very important for hive defense. It is recommended that hives be at least one foot off the ground so the fumes from the chemical used can not enter and kill the bees. A question and answer period was held relating to the small hive beetle. President Ramsey then declared a fifteen-minute break and a door prize drawing.

The meeting resumed with President Ramsey introducing Scott Frank, Chief Apiary Inspector, Illinois Department of Agriculture, from Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Frank provided an update on the small hive beetle as well as discussed changes that have been occurring at the Department of Agriculture. A recent change is that the Apiary Inspection Program is now under Environmental Programs. Mr. Frank also shared the Annual Apiary Inspection Report. The Report included inspections, regulations on shipping packages from infested states, and also noted a poll taken from members which indicated favor of the continuance of the Section 18 exemption for the use of coumaphos. Mr. Frank would like to know the wishes of ISBA member for rules pertaining to small hive beetles. He noted that packages of bees imported to Illinois need to have a Health Inspection Certificate.

President Ramsey introduced David Schultz, an entomologist from the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois. Mr. Schultz works with Dr. Gene Robinson at the University. The topic discussed was, "IPM (Integrated Pest Management) and the Sustainability of Modern Beekeeping Practices." The group watched slides that indicated where the Varroa mite came from and how it became such a big problem so quickly. Mr. Schlutz discussed the current state of Varroa mites and the control of the Varroa. He further told of the mechanisms of resistance and management of resistance, proper use of insecticides in pest management, and the goals of an IPM system. A period of time was given for a lunch break.

President Ramsey reconvened the meeting with the introduction of Nicki Engeseth, Professor, Food Science and Human Nutrition, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. The topic, "Honey -- A Source of Natural Antioxidants" proved very interesting. Ms. Engeseth showed slides to coincide with her oral presentation and explained the different experiments conducted with different flavors of honey to prevent browning of fruits and vegetables.

After a short break and presentation of door prizes, President Ramsey reintroduced Mike Hood of Clemson University. Mr. Hood shared "Thresholds of Treating Varroa Mites." Slides were shown of studies conducted under the leadership of Mr. Hood between the states of Georgia and South Carolina, sharing 72 colonies and assessing the results of different treatments used for control of Varroa.

Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers for 2000

The Nomination and Election Committee consisted of Earl Lutz, Harry Patterson and Brian Huelskamp. William Buckley assisted with the election as Mr. Patterson was unable to attend. The following slate of officers was presented:

President	Rich Ramsey
Vice President	John Hansen
Treasurer	Udell Meyer
Secretary	Rita Taylor
Director (Central Region)	Steve Mayes

Mr. Buckley asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were presented. Ken Beauchamp motioned all nominations then be closed. Rick Nuss motioned that the slate of officers be elected. Ken Beauchamp seconded the motion. All votes aye. All officers were fully sworn to their respective offices.

Discussion ensued on the state of the Honey Board. Members would like to see more promotion of U. S. honey. The following local association reports/activities were shared:

Cook-DuPage	Ron Fischer
Lincolnland	Ken Beauchamp
Heart of Illinois	Don Hughes
Central Eastern	Bill Fleming
St. Clair/Little Egypt/So. Illinois	Udell Meyer

In his closing remarks, President Ramsey said he has enjoyed serving as President of the ISBA this past year. He thanked everyone for their assistance when needed. Ken Beauchamp motioned the 108th Convention be adjourned. Bill Buckley seconded the motion. All votes aye. President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
(signed) Rita C. Taylor, Secretary
Illinois State Beekeepers' Association

ISBA SUMMER MEETING SLATED FOR JUNE 24, 2000

The ISBA Summer Meeting will be hosted by the Little Egypt Beekeepers' Association on Saturday, June 24, 2000. The meeting will be held in Floral Hall at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds is located on Route 15, west of Fairfield, IL. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m. More details will be provided as they become available. In the mean time, should you wish more information, contact Howard Tanner, president of the Little Egypt Beekeepers at 618/842-6016 (day) or 618/842-3386 (night).

HONEY PRINCESS / BEEKEEPING AMBASSADOR PROGRAM STARTED

On February 4, 2000, the membership of the Heart of Illinois Beekeepers' Association (HIBA) gave final approval to a Honey Princess / Beekeeping Ambassador program. The passage of the proposal followed one year of discussions. A draft proposal for a Honey Princess program was first put before the HIBA membership during February, 1999. Following several rounds of discussion by the membership, the initial proposal was expanded to include Beekeeping Ambassadors so that boys and young men also might benefit from participation in the program. A standing committee was established to oversee the program and generate external funds to support it.

Candidates are required to provide biographical sketches with photographs, prepare a portfolio documenting beekeeping experiences and/or presentations, make a 5-minute honey recipe presentation providing samples, make an "academic" presentation, and participate in informal interviews.

The winner of the program will formally represent the Association at official displays and authorized social functions. It is anticipated that the winner will make public presentations at fairs and festivals, will give educational presentations to 4-H, and other school and social groups.

It is the hope of some that one day this program will be adopted by other local associations, and eventually go statewide. Complete guidelines for the program are available from the editor of the *ISBA Bulletin* for associations that might consider adopting the program

DETAILS ABOUT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Lloyd A. Lindenfelser at the Illinois State Beekeepers' Association's Summer Meeting during June 1999. The award was conferred by Rich Ramsey, president of the Illinois State Beekeepers' Association, and Tom Elston, president of the Heart of Illinois Beekeepers' Association.

Lloyd began his beekeeping career in 1932 with the capture of a swarm. In 1933, at the age of 18 years, he was featured on the cover of *American Bee Journal*. By the beginning of WW II, his earlier single colony had increased to 126 colonies. After returning from a four-year tour of duty with the US Navy during the war, Lloyd resumed his schooling at the University of Illinois. Ultimately he became a research microbiologist with the USDA Northern Regional Research Laboratory in Peoria, IL, where he was employed in antibiotics research from 1948 through 1979.

Among other publications, in 1967 he authored a professional research article dealing with the antibiotic-like properties of propolis. During this time also, he kept about 30 colonies of bees. From 1961 to 1974, and again from 1978 to 1987, Lloyd served as president of the Tazewell Beekeepers' Association. He also served as president of the Illinois State Beekeepers' Association from 1987 to 1990. Earlier he had served for many more years as a Board member for the latter association.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS*Membership Income:*

Cook-DuPage	318.00	
Heart of Illinois	126.00	
Illiana	28.00	
Lake County	54.00	
Lincolnland	62.00	
Little Egypt	24.00	
Lower Illinois Valley	24.00	
Mississippi Valley	32.00	
Northern Illinois	108.00	
Spoon River Valley	20.00	
St. Clair	116.00	
Wabash Valley	40.00	
Membership At Large	<u>82.00</u>	
Total Membership Income		1,034.00

Secretary Office Expenses:

Postage on Bulletins	361.94	
Postage Returned Bulletins	11.00	
Postage stamps	75.90	
Telephone	52.14	
Copying	3.92	
Labels for Bulletins	32.15	
String for Bulletins	<u>4.82</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>(541.87)</u>
After Expenses Amount to Treasurer		492.13

Respectfully submitted, Rita C. Taylor, Secretary, November 1, 1999.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD, NOVEMBER 14, 1998	4,897.13	
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Secretary - Rita Taylor - Dues after expenses	250.18	
Secretary - Rita Taylor - 1998 Registration	94.00	
Caps & T-shirt sales	33.00	
Lincolnland Beekeepers' Assoc. 1/2 C-Far Membership	125.00	
Ken Beauchamp - ISBA share of sales at Fairground	11.10	
Honey Ice Cream & Honey Stix sales		<u>9,289.54</u>
Total Receipts:		<u>9,802.82</u>
Total Cash:		14,699.95

In 1992 Lloyd wrote a two-part series for *ABJ* reviewing the 100 year history of the Illinois State Beekeepers' Association. Additionally, he served for twelve years as Apiary Inspector for the State of Illinois and, over the decades, he has been a constant friend of beekeeping and beekeepers everywhere. He is a member of the Heart of Illinois Beekeepers' Association and resides in Tremont.

EDITOR'S BUZZ

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know more about the *ISBA Bulletin* newsletter. I am working diligently to make certain that the information you receive is both accurate and timely. I hope to provide a number of updates in the next several issues of the *ISBA Bulletin* that I believe Illinois beekeepers will find interesting. If you have important information to share, please send it my way.

The newsletter will be back on schedule with the May/June issue. It is my intention to send out the May/June issue just before the Summer Meeting so that it can contain accurate and timely information. I propose the following deadlines for upcoming issues of the *ISBA Bulletin*:

Disbursements:

Steve Macholz - Bee mugs, glass bees & afgans	211.80
Crowne Plaza - Room rental & meeting expenses	554.37
Sue Colby - Travel & motel expenses	178.00
Richards Graphics - Newsletters	1991.97
Sec. of State of Ill. - Annual report	5.00
Rich Ramsey - 1998 Annual meeting expenses	127.66
Ag. Prod. Promotional Fund - Ill. Products Expo	150.00
Sec. of State - Trademark renewal	5.00
Country Mutual Ins. Co. - Insurance	866.00
Chas. D. Lorence - Stationery	66.38
C-Far - Membership renewal	250.00
American Beekeeping Federation - 1999 Membership	75.00
American Honey Producers Assoc. - 199899 Membership	150.00
Carl Wenning - Award Plaque for Lloyd Lindenfesler	70.79
John Hansen - Honey Stix expenses	324.30
Honey Ice Cream expenses	3,592.88
Ken Beauchamp - Honey donated to Fairground carpenters	25.00
Total Disbursements:	<u>(8,734.15)</u>
Total Cash on Hand less disbursements:	<u>5,965.80</u>

ASSETS:

NET BALANCE ON HAND IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	5,965.80
PASSBOOK SAVINGS ACCT. 4148-3 Bal. Nov. 12, 1998	2,034.03
Interest earned	<u>45.36</u>
PASSBOOK SAVINGS ACCT. 4148-3 Bal. Nov. 10, 1999	2,079.39
C-D NO. 12459 (formerly C-D No. 12011) Nov. 12, 1998	3,041.78
Interest earned	<u>143.80</u>
BALANCE OF C-D NO. 12459 November 10, 1999	3,185.58
C-D NO. 12503 (formerly C-D N. 12087) Bal. Nov. 12, 1998	3013.56
Interest earned	<u>159.41</u>
BALANCE OF C-D NO. 12459, Nov. 10, 1999	<u>3,172.97</u>
Respectfully submitted, Udell Meyer, Treasurer, November 10, 1999.	
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$14,403.74

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>	<u>Distribution Date</u>
May/June	June 1	June 15
July/August	July 15	August 1
September/October	September 15	October 1
November/December	October 15	November 1

This calendar has been arranged in such a way that I can get critical information out to the membership about ISBA summer and autumn meetings in a timely fashion.

By the way, I now will be maintaining back issues of the *Bulletin* on the ISBA website as pdf files. I also will use this website to provide late-breaking information about state meetings and other items of particular interest. Don't forget to check out our website at the following URL:

<http://www.phy.ilstu.edu/~wenning/ISBA/ISBA.html>

Please note that the address is case sensitive.

Once again, I hope that each ISBA-affiliated beekeepers' association in Illinois has or soon will be appointing someone to send information my way so that I can place it in this newsletter. I suspect that you'll get mighty tired of reading about the Heart of Illinois Beekeepers' Association -- my local association -- if you don't!

Membership in the Illinois State Beekeepers' Association is open to all persons interested in bees and beekeeping. Beekeepers are urged to join through their local associations. Dues are \$2.00 per year, **good only January 1st through December 31st each year**, and includes subscription to this newsletter. Beekeeping journals are available at about 25% discount to members as listed below; rates are subject to change without prior notice. **Make checks payable to: Illinois State Beekeepers' Association and mail to: Rita Taylor, Secretary, 4274 Taylor Homestead Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677-4024.**

Please indicate new or renewal subscription when ordering journals.

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Reduced Journal Rates (members only)

	1 Yr.	2 Yr.	3 Yr.
<i>American Bee Journal</i>	\$14.44	\$27.38	\$38.96
<i>Bee Culture</i>	\$16.00	\$31.00	N/A
<i>The Speedy Bee</i>	\$13.25	\$25.25	\$34.00

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