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Secretary's Corner:

The Nebraska Beekeepers met on February 13 at the Gretna Public Library. There were 46 in attendance, a surprisingly large crowd and a sign of continued interest in beekeeping in the state.

The majority of the meeting consisted of a presentation by Dr. Marion Ellis on Pesticides and Bee Toxicity. The specifics of this presentation are available on the Nebraska Beekeepers web site.

Warren Nelson was contacted by the superintendent of the baking division at the State Fair asking if we would sponsor additional prize money and honey for their 9 classes as we have done for the past 10 years. Both the old and new officers voted and it was decided that we will continue to do so.

Some of our young scholarship recipients require transportation to the upcoming workshops. The officers voted and decided to cover the cost of a parent attending the workshop as well.

Dr. Ellis extended an invitation to the veteran beekeepers of our club to attend the Beginning Beekeeping Field Day at the Agricultural Research and Development Center on April 17th. As in years past beginning beekeepers will be paired with veterans as part of the field day.

Walt Schwarz

Classified Advertisements

For Sale:

Screened bottom boards complete with board to calculate mite populations, total clear screened opening below brood chambers and 3/8 inch opening to prevent mice getting into your hive. Also available deep and medium hive bodies with hand hold cleats, inner covers, and telescoping covers. Contact Keith Nielson, phone 402-765-2391 cell after 4PM 308-940-0987 or email kl Nielson@windstream.net.

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Members please contact the people listed above. They are serious about having bees on their property!		

Upcoming Events:

Late February early March: North Central Nebraska Beekeepers will meet either late February or early March. Listen to the Party line on the O'Neill radio station for details or contact Barb Otto.

March 7, 2010: Beginning Beekeepers and Beekeeper Scholarship Equipment Workshop Part 1. Location: High Plains Community School Ag Shop east of the High School Building at 345 S. Pine Street, Polk NE. All beekeepers are welcomed to attend. Topic will be assembling of a hive bodies and frames. Presenter Keith Nielson

March 20, 2010: 1:00 PM Equipment Building, Herschel Staats, Directions: from the west: go to 84th & Pine Lake, then go 1 1/2 miles East and take a left on Prairie Rim Road. Follow that road until it turns into Ellenridge Road. He is at 10700 Ellenridge Road, on the North side. From the east: go to 112 & Old Cheney and then go south 1/2 mile. Turn right on Aspen Canyon Road. After that, the first right turn will be Ellenridge Road. Follow it to 10700 Ellenridge Road. He is on the North side

March 14, 2010: 9:00AM-5:00PM, Beginning Beekeeper Workshop, Kimmel Education Center, 5985 Rd G, Nebraska City, NE. Presenter; Dr. Marion Ellis

April 17, 2010: 10:00AM-2:00PM Beginning Beekeeping Field Day, Agricultural Research and Development Center, 1071 County Road B, Ithica, NE. Presenter Dr. Marion Ellis and others

May: Monthly Meeting, TBA

June 10-12, 2010: Master Beekeeping Workshop, Agricultural Research and Development Center, 1071 County Road B, Ithica, NE. Presenter Dr. Marion Ellis and others

July 2010: Monthly Meeting, TBA

July 2010: Heartland Apiculture Society Annual Conference, location Tennessee TBA

August 2-6, 2010: Eastern Apiculture Society Annual Conference, location Boone, North Carolina

August 26, 2010: Bee Culture Entries due for Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island, NE

August 27-September 6, 2010: Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island, NE

August 30 –September 2, 2010: Western Apiculture Society Annual Conference, location Red Lion Hotel, Salem, Oregon

September 12, 2010: So You Want to Know About Honey Bees, location near Chapman, NE, presenter Keith Nielson

October:

November 20, 2010: Monthly Meeting at Agricultural Research and Development Center, 1071 County Road B, Ithaca,, Presenters Kirk Webster, Dr. Marion Ellis and UNL graduate students

For the good of the association

Letters to the Editor

Nebraska Bee Trading Cards

The Nebraska Beekeepers have honey bee trading cards that can be sent to a school classroom if the instructor sends a letter to Warren Nelson on school stationery with the number of students in the class and the beekeeper that is presenting to the class. Bee trading cards that are sent out will require a \$5.00 shipping charge. For more information on the trading cards you can find it on the world wide web at

[http://entomology.unl.edu/beekeeping/beecards/beecards.htm](http://entomology.unl.edu/beekeeping/beekeeping/beecards/beecards.htm) .

RENEWAL TIME NOTICE

Members that needed to pay dues in January: Memberships that are up for renewal in February are: Stephanie Arabaugh, Jeffery Calkins, Joe Strecker, Tom & Linda Schwarz, & Mike Merryweather.

If you have paid your dues thank you, if you have not please use the membership form in this newsletter and please send them to Warren Nelson. If you have paid your dues and listed here please call Warren Nelson and he will send me a correction to your newsletter subscription. Note there is a dues increase to \$15.00 per year for single membership and a family rate of \$20.00 per year.

Treasurers Reports

February

\$27,506.00	Beginning Balance 1/28/10	
\$24.00	Rau - dues	
\$12.00	R. Nelson - dues	
\$12.00	Williams - dues	
\$24.00	Hynek - dues	
\$24.00	Staats - dues	
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\$24.00	Boshart - dues	
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\$15.00	Jantzen - dues	
\$30.00	Merryweather - dues	
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\$20.00	Wagner - dues	
\$15.00	Kiesling - dues	
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\$20.00	Umberger - dues	
\$20.00	Saum - dues	
\$15.00	Patterson - dues	
\$15.00	Andes - dues	
\$30.00	Sack - dues	
\$15.00	Dykman - dues	
\$15.00	Bernhardt - dues	
\$12.00	Sandall - dues	
\$30.00	Pecha - dues	
\$30.00	Anderson - dues	
\$24.00	Oconnor - dues	
\$15.00	Vance - dues	
\$588.95	Total Income	
\$8,452.56	UNL Food Science Club - State Fair Share	
\$10.50	Rudy Vakso - Donuts for meeting	
\$8,463.06	Total Expenses	
\$19,631.89	Ending Balance 2/23/10	

Nebraska Beekeepers Association Membership and Membership Renewal Form

Please fill out the following information completely and legibly by printing the information

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Make checks payable to the "Nebraska Beekeepers Association"

Mail to: Warren Nelson, 2839 N46th, Lincoln, NE 68504

* Dues are payable by January 31 for the current year running from January 1- December 31. *

** Dues are prorated for new members only at the rate of \$1.25 per month through December 31. **

*** Special rates on "Bee Culture" and "American Bee Journal" with membership to the state association.***

Please clip the magazine form and mail your subscription directly to the address listed on the form. It causes delays by paying the Association and having us send it for you. Make sure you fill in the Nebraska Beekeepers Association on the appropriate line and Warren Nelson as Treasurer on the Secretary line. Your help is greatly appreciated

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From Catch the Buzz-

The honey bee crisis in the U.S. continues to threaten the U.S. food supply. Bad weather in the Midwest and East this summer and fall seriously impacted the health of a significant number of hives over the winter, adding to the already difficult problem of keeping the bees alive. The shortage is sending almond farmers scrambling to find enough hives to pollinate the almond orchards in California this month. With colony losses at approximately 30 percent over the last several winters, it is not surprising that fewer and fewer colonies are available.

Not only is the honey bee endangered, so too are the caretakers of our petite pollinators. Today, the average age of a commercial beekeeper is 60 years old. Beekeeping is a dying art that needs to be sustained and supported. To highlight the importance and need for more apiary enthusiasts, the Häagen-Dazs brand announced today the focus of its *Häagen-Dazs loves Honey Bees™ (HD loves HB)* campaign this year to help keep the hobby – and the hive – alive and buzzing.

First, the ice cream maker is calling for support to overturn the New York City Health Department's ban on beekeeping, set to be reviewed on March 16, 2010. Lifting the ban would allow city residents to keep bees without the risk of violating the current health code and being fined \$2,000. The Health Department currently considers honey bees to be wild animals. More information can be found at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/legalize-beekeeping.html>.

Unlike commercial beekeepers, backyard or hobbyist beekeepers typically have a small number of hives. The bees pollinate local gardens and plants and also help the honey bee population's genetic diversity.

"More beekeepers means more honey bees, and that's what we need right now," says Dennis vanEngelsdorp, former president of Apiary Inspectors of America and Häagen-Dazs Bee Board member. "By allowing New York City residents to keep bees without penalty, more people will be encouraged to take up this hobby that's both rewarding and important for our troubled bee population. Good pollinator health is crucial for all of us."

The brand announced today it is also joining forces with 13 year-old Boy Scout Christopher Stowell, Troop 250, Skiatook, OK. Christopher is also a beekeeper and is petitioning the Boy Scout Council for reinstatement of the Boy Scout Beekeeping merit badge that was discontinued in 1995. To sign the letter and petition, visit "The Buzz" page at <http://www.helpthehoneybees.com/#buzz>.

"Now, more than ever before, the survival of the honey bee is important to us all," said Stowell. "If other kids are not encouraged to learn how to become beekeepers, the honey bee will surely die out."

“Christopher is an amazing advocate for honey bees and serves as a great example of learning about a problem and working to find a solution,” said Mara Lowry, Häagen-Dazs brand manager. “It’s because of people like him that we continue to be encouraged and inspired to work to help both bees and beekeepers, and we urge everyone to do their part. Signing this letter and petition is one small but impactful thing people can do.”

Häagen-Dazs loves Honey Bees™ Program Encourages Consumers to Take Part

Committed to being part of the solution, the Häagen-Dazs brand is renewing its efforts for a third year to help in the preservation of honey bees and nature’s finest ingredients. In 2010, Häagen-Dazs ice cream will continue to support Pennsylvania State University and the University of California, Davis, bringing the brand’s total donation to \$620,000 over the past three years. In addition to university funding, the Häagen-Dazs brand is also continuing its Vanilla Honey Bee ice cream flavor and *HD loves HB™* icon labeling on all packages of bee-built flavors of ice cream, sorbet, frozen yogurt and bars to drive awareness of the ongoing issue.

The brand encourages everyone to find a way to become a bee crusader, and do their part to help save the honey bees. Here’s how to make a difference:

Start a hive and become a backyard beekeeper – your garden will thank you for it. Look for a beekeeping club in your area to help you get started.

- Create a bee-friendly garden with plants that attract honey bees. Select a plant with a long growing season or a group of plants that together will offer flowers from spring through fall. A great resource for information can be found at www.helpthehoneybees.com, or from the horticulturalist at your local plant nursery.
- Avoid insecticides in your garden. Instead, promote good bugs (called ‘beneficial insects’) – bugs that will happily eat the bad bugs chomping on your plants. More information is available at www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/ and <http://horticulture.psu.edu/extension/mg>.
- When you buy a Häagen-Dazs ice cream bee-built product, a portion of the proceeds of the sale go toward helping the honey bees.
- Tell a friend – Visit www.helpthehoneybees.com to send a Bee-Mail or to create your own animated honey bee to help spread the word.
- Visit the Häagen-Dazs Bee Store at www.helpthehoneybees.com – All proceeds from our bee store will fund CCD and sustainable pollination research at Penn State and UC Davis.

About Häagen-Dazs loves Honey Bees™

Alarmingly, over the last three winters, more than one in three bee colonies died nationwide. Researchers are calling the mysterious bee disappearance Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). Because the Häagen-Dazs brand uses only all-natural ingredients in its recipes, more than 50 percent of the brand’s flavors are bee-built, meaning they use ingredients pollinated by the bees.

In 2008, the Häagen-Dazs brand launched the *HD loves HB* campaign to create awareness of the honey bee crisis. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of *HD loves HB* labeled flavors fund sustainable pollination and CCD research at Pennsylvania State University and University of California, Davis, totaling \$620,000 over three years.

About Häagen-Dazs

Crafted in 1960 by Reuben Mattus in his family’s dairy, Häagen-Dazs is the original superpremium ice cream. True to tradition, Häagen-Dazs is committed to using only all-natural ingredients in crafting the world’s finest ice cream. Truly made like no other, today Häagen-Dazs ice cream offers a full range of products from ice cream to sorbet, frozen yogurt and frozen snacks in more than 65 flavors. Häagen-Dazs products are available around the globe for ice cream lovers to enjoy. For more information, please visit www.Häagen-Dazs.com.

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Editorial-

This is a very quick issue, the Mr.s goes in for surgery and time is running short. Hope to have more information in the next newsletter.

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