



Wellington Beekeepers Association Inc.

Newsletter - August 2011

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday 3rd August 2011
Main Hall, Ground Floor,
Moorefield Rd, Johnsonville Community Centre.**

7.00pm Beginners meeting

7.30pm – Main Meeting

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Meetings Johnsonville
Community Centre
Main Hall, Ground Floor,
Moorefield Road

1st Wednesday of the month
Main Meeting @ 7.30pm
Beginners Tuition @7.00pm

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WELLINGTON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

JULY 2011 MEETING

6 JULY 2011

Present: John Burnett, Andrew Beach and 70 members

Apologies: Barbara Harford, Ivan Patterson, Jo Salisbury; Bill Bligh, Cathy Campbell, Suzanne Blumhardt

Visitors: numerous...

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Accepted, moved Amor Walters, seconded John Burnett

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

Lobbying on honey imports – Frank Lindsay noted that the NBA AGM recommended that Members lobby their local MP, not the Minister as this is more likely to be listened to.

Field day numbers - Tony Coard noted that we need to support new members better by providing more small group demonstration at field days. E.g more field days or more mentors so new members could get more hands on experience. Ideally keep field days local and set-up online registration for them. Noted and agreed the club would hold another frame building workshop on 24 July at Wayne Wild's. 1.30pm and bring a plate. Members could also drop off boxes to be dipped at this time.

Also, there has been a suggestion for a "diseasathon" in Upper Hutt and Waikanae where there are higher incidences of AFB than other areas in Wellington. Plan to organize for spring, where small groups will collectively inspect as many apiaries as possible in one day. Requires one AP2 (Approved Person Grade2) and at most 3 or 4 people in a group.

Urban Beekeeping.. Amor has made a submission to the PNCC regarding their proposed bylaw requiring a permit for beehives on an urban section. Andrew has also spoken to the Manawatu Beekeepers Club and suggested they push for the PNCC to adopt the Kapiti District Council bylaw wording

National Bee week and School visits – A school in Otaki has requested a visit. Ken/Amor to organize.

Honey Competition – suggestion that we move the timing of the competition to February/March so that club comp occurs before National comp. Motion: That the Wellington Beekeepers Association annual honey competition be moved to the March meeting (1st Wednesday in March) Moved Amor Walters, seconded Frank Lindsay, Passed.

Presentation of Honey Competition Certificates:

2010 – Creamed honey – Neil Johnson
Liquid Honey – James Scott

2011 – Liquid Honey – 1st – Phil Morgan
2nd – Amber Clarkson
3rd – James Scott

Creamed Honey 1st – Tony Coard
2nd - Andrew Beach

Noted that Tony's creamed honey also took 3rd place at the NBA inter-club competition for creamed honey.

General Business

Frank showed slides and talked briefly about the NBA conference. Frank and Mary-Anne also took 1st prize for naturally creamed honey at the conference and won several prizes for their photographs

Meeting ended at 9.00 pm with supper

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Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: None

Presidents Report presented and tabled by Andrew Beach

Treasurer's Report presented by John Burnett. Proposal to accept moved by Jane Harding, seconded John Scott

Andrew Beach proposed a vote of thanks to John. Passed

Election of Officers:

President: Richard Braczek – moved Amor Walters, seconded John Burnett. Agreed

Vice President: James Scott – moved Ken Breden, seconded Amor Walters. Agreed

Treasurer: John Burnett – moved Frank Lindsay, seconded Tom Morgan. Agreed

Secretary: Jo Salisbury – moved Jane Harding, seconded Philippa Elliott
Committee (up to 5 members) Moved Blair Asco, seconded Stuart ? that
the current committee be re-appointed. Agreed.

Committee is: Amor Walters
Wrae Duncan
Jane Harding
Angela Bell
Luke Potion

Almoner: Andrew Beach – moved James Scott, seconded John Burnett.
Agreed

Newsletter Editor: Jamie Walker – moved James Scott, seconded John
Burnett. Agreed.

Cheque Signatories need to change to reflect new officers.

Richard Wickens to be removed
Richard Braczek to be added
John Burnett – remain
James Scott – remain
Andrew Beach – remain

Webmaster – James Scott

Tea Person – Jane Harding

Subscriptions for 2011/2012. John moved that subs for 2011/2012 stay at
current rates:

Email newsletter sub - \$15
Posted newsletter sub - \$25

Seconded Frank Lindsay. Agreed. Noted that the Treasurer would like to
move as much as possible to internet banking as this is quicker and more
efficient.

AFB payout. Moved that the AFB payout to members who suffer an AFB
outbreak to remain at \$60 per hive. Payout dependant on keeper following
the rules of the act wrt to reporting the outbreak to AssureQuality and
destruction of the hive.

Honey Competition. Suggestion to move to March – to be discussed at July
meeting following the AGM

Honararium. Tony Coard proposed we recognise John Burnett's
outstanding dedication and commitment to the club by giving him and his
wife \$500. Seconded Jacinta. Agreed

Richard Braczek proposed a vote of thanks to Andrew Beach for the work
he has put in during his time as President. Seconded Amor Walters.
Agreed.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm.

ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011

It gives me great pleasure to present this, my 7th annual report for the year 2010/2011.

Membership of our club continues to grow in leaps and bounds which necessitated us changing rooms twice in the last year to accommodate our new membership roll. We now have about 158 members, and are still growing.

Andrew held 2 workshops at The Kapiti Sustainable Show earlier in the year, and this attracted many people. It's good to see people renewing their interest in beekeeping, and I hope that those new members get something out of the club, and enjoy their new hobby. Because of these new members, we start our monthly meetings half an hour earlier at 7.00 pm so that basic knowledge — rules and regs, -where to place hives — assembly of equipment etc can be given. We have already finished 2 cycles of this, and are about to start a third.

We also buy equipment in bulk and sell to members at a small discounted price. We have also held successful field days in the summer where various methods and manipulations have been demonstrated. Our thanks to those people who hosted these, and also the demonstrators. You may feel left out in the city, but a group of 30 plus in a ¹/₄ acre section on Saturday or Sunday afternoon opening a beehive for a length of time would not go down well with neighbours. We also held a field day in the winter where up to 50 people learnt how to assemble supers and wax and wire frames.

Thanks are due to Wayne for his help with the wax dipper, and Tony Coard for his help with the electronics and commissioning of this item. All new members had the opportunity of purchasing a nucleus last November to start them off, and we hope to continue this. Our thanks to Frank Lindsay for co-ordinating this operation.

Honey flows this last year were down on previous years — some said the worst for 40 years, but some locations did well. Our scholarship recipient is hanging in, and has moved his hive to a better location.

During National Bee Week, over 6 classes have been visited by members in various locations, and requests are still coming in. To this end, the club purchased a kit designed to help in this field organised by John Burnet, who not only is our treasurer, but also buys and then sells equipment, He puts in an awful lot of work on this as well as the equipment taking up space in his garage. It would be appreciated if people who ordered equipment could pick it up and pay for it as soon as possible as he freely gives his time to this.

The club has been instrumental in developing "The Kapiti Coast Keeping Of Animals, Bees and Poultry Bylaw 2010". Before this was introduced, beekeeping was deemed a prohibited activity, but now, up

to 3 hives can be operated subject to certain conditions. We are also advising Manawatu beekeepers club who are fighting Palmerston North City Council who is trying to ban beehives from urban areas.

We are also worried about the possible import of Australian honey with associated diseases, and are seeking information under "The Official Information Act". With the Varroa mite well established and the fear of EFB, small hive beetle, kiwifruit P.S.A. and nosema cerana in our midst we now have to be very vigilant when opening hives.

During the year, the club purchased a sound system which means that everyone should now be able to hear everything that is going on.

I'm leaving the position of President after 7 years in office with the club in good heart. In leaving, I would like to thank all those people who are involved in one way or another. Jo Salisbury, our secretary, John Burnet treasurer and so much more, Kristen Morse and Jamie Walker, newsletter editors, James Scott webmaster and newsletter producer, Frank Lindsay, our Guru.

Andrew Beach President.

Jo Millar has the following for sale:

§ 1 hive with bees (presently in Miramar)	§ 1 smoker
§ 1 x full depth super	§ 1 hive tool
§ 7 x 3/4 depth supers	§ 1 hive brush
§ 2 x hive lids (sheet metal top)	§ 1 x four frame centrifuge
§ 3 Queen excluders	§ 1 x poster on hard board mounted 'Illustration of the Life Cycle of Bees'
§ Foundation	§ Approx 8 - 10 x 10 litre buckets and lids
§ Approx 10 plastic frames	§ 5 stainless steel sieves
§ Approx 15 - 20 wooden frames	§ Honey harvesting tray
§ 3 bee suits plus veils and gloves (2 quite new)	

There is also an electric heated knife for cutting the wax capping off the honey at harvesting. This is new and very good quality.

Jo's phone number is 388 9938. Call her if you are interested in purchasing these items otherwise they will be sold on TradeMe.

Wellington Beekeepers Association Library held by Editor

(all titles are available for lending)

- § For the love of Bees - Story of Brother Adam of Buckfest Abby - Lesley Bill,(HB, 1989 B/W illus.)
- § Practical Beekeeping Handbook for Australia & New Zealand. Ray Chapman Taylor & Ivo Davey (PB 1988)
- § How to keep Bees & Sell honey - Walter T Kelley (PB 1978 B/W)
- § Diary of a Honey Bee - Bill Kerr (PB 1990 Colour) Children's introduction to Bees
- § NZ Standards Model General Bylaws - The Keeping of Animals, Poultry & Bees NZS 9201 SANZ (PB 1978 B/w photos, illus.)
- § Nectar & Pollen Sources of New Zealand - RS Walsh (PB 1978 B/W Illus/Photos)
- § Beekeeping the Gentle Craft - John F Adams (HB 1972 B/W illus)
- § Backyard Beekeeping - William Scott (PB 1977 B/W illus. photos) x 2 copies
- § Bees & Beekeeping - A V Pavord (HB 1970 B/W illus. photos)
- § Teach yourself Beekeeping - A N Scofield (PB 1971 B/W illus. photos)
- § Practical Beekeeping & Honey Production - D T Macfie (HB B/W illus)
- § Manual for NZ Beekeepers - W C Cotton (HB no illus. 1848 - 2 x 1976 reprints)
- § Elimination of AFB without Drugs - Mark Goodwin & Cliff Van Eaton (PB 1999 Colour Illus)
- § Beekeeping in New Zealand - NZ Dept Agriculture bulletin no. 267 9 HB 1961 B/W illus. photos) 3 copies
- § The Dancing Bees - Karl Von Frisch (HB 1955 B/W Illus. photos)
- § Honey Cookbook - Peter Russel Clark (PB 1985 colour Illus)
- § The Complete Guide to Beekeeping - Roger A Morse (HB 1974 B/W illus. photos)
- § Honey - Natural Sweetness - Jill Norman (HB colour illus. photos)
- § Beehive - Source of Youth Vitality & Longevity - MS Landis (PB1982 no illus.)
- § A Box of Bees - Emily Dobson (PB 2005 - Poetry)
- § A Book of Bees - Sue Hubbell (PB 1988 B/W illus)
- § The ABC & XYZ of Bee Culture - A I & E R Root (HB 717pg B/W Illus. photos 2 copies - 1913 & 1975)
- § The Hive & the Honey Bee - Dadant & Sons (HB 1976 740pg B/W illus. photos 3 copies)
- § Sixty Years with Bees - Donald Sims (HB 1997 282pg Colour/BW illus. photos)
- § Anatomy of the Honey bee - R E Shodgrass (HB 1956 334pg B/W Illus)
- § Guide To Bees & Honey - Ted Hooper (HB 1976 260pg B/W illus. photos)

