



*SUDBURY DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION*

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November SDBA's Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

TIME: Meet and Greet, before 7 pm  
Meeting 7 pm

WHERE: Fielding Memorial Park  
345 Fielding Road  
Lively (Sudbury) , ON

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
October 19, 2022**

The first meeting of 2022/2023 opened at 7pm.

Richard Conrad, president of the SDBA, welcomed all members, non-members, and new beekeepers. SDBA is a non-profit organization and did not have any election of officers for the last two years.

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A motion was needed to keep the current executive and directors at large or to have an election.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** Proposed by Abigail Burt I propose a motion to continue with the current Executives and Directors at large till June 2023.

Seconded by Judy Brunet

Approved by show of hands.

**RESIGNATION** Dawn Lalonde, secretary, resigned due to a conflict of interest.

Resignation accepted.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Our treasurer, Rose Aniol, was not at the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Richard Conrad did say that the SDBA's finances were very healthy. The only expenses, in the last two years, were the bank's monthly fees of \$3.50.

**ATTENDANCE:** 26 - 8 new members

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dawn Lalonde from Apiary Mikkola Family Farm.

Dawn and her partner Derek bought the late Noel Shank's Business and told how hard it is to start a business during covid. Dawn will not sell to anyone that has not have their bees registered.

Registration is now for 3 years (used to be one) with OBA.. She also mentioned that there were many places you could buy beekeeping equipment but she is here to help you. She can sell or find what you need but cannot tell you what to do with it. She is willing to go to your beeyard for \$50 an hour plus travelling time. If you find a swarm, she'll happily go for free.

For those who need or think they will need nucs in the spring, January 15, 2023, 9 am is the date to remember for ordering your nuc or nucs. She will order with a deposit. Cost of a nuc is not available, at this time, but it will be \$260+.

The best way to reach Dawn is at

[mikkolafamilyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:mikkolafamilyfarm@gmail.com)

56 Mikkola Rd, Lively P3A 1A5

Thank you Dawn for your insightful information.

## **COFFEE BREAK & 50/50**

Great conversations were had by all. We forgot the 50/50 draw and the bottles for the honey contest. Our last official contest winner was Richard Lathwell . He won the last two years, pre-covid. This year, like many others, he lost all hives and now has 20 small hives.

## **Q&A**

Some of the subjects covered:

Richard brought a sample hive. Paul and Jo-Anne brought a sugar board. Explanations are much easier when you can see what is being discussed..

Not throwing away your used or empty frames: To produce 1 pound of wax it takes 7/8 pounds of honey. Wrap the frames in plastic and freeze them, this will kill any bugs, insects or larvae. You can give these to bees to clean. Once spring arrives, the bees can store pollen and nectar instead of building in wax combs.

Bob Dewar mentioned that he keeps his supers, sideways in a 3-sided shed were they are away from inclement weather. Many others told where they keep their supers.

Otto Rost answered questions regarding sugar water. Feeding bees 1:1, in the spring time, encourages colony growth and to build wax combs. Fall feeding 2 sugar 1 water encourages the bees to store the liquid as honey and helps them survive long winter.

Otto always adds 5 ml apple cider vinegar per one l of sugar water. Honey has a pH 3.2 to 4.5, sugar water has a pH 6.0. The cider vinegar, in the syrup, lowers it to 5 pH.

Electric Fence – on or off. It is not expensive and no one knows when the bears will be out in the spring. Many were of the same opinion,” keep the fence on.”.

It was mentioned that Marlowe Sharp, Glory Bee Apiary, [glorybeeapiary@gmail.com](mailto:glorybeeapiary@gmail.com), had a new video on-line. Marlowe was our go-to for nucs and queens. He has moved to the Ottawa region and will certainly contact us and will let us know what services he can supply.,

When asked about swarms Bob replied:      a swarm in May is worth a load of hay  
   a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon  
   a swarm in July isn't worth a fly

Adjourned 9: pm

## **F Y I**

We still do not know if we will ever be able to return to Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School: re. strike, covid, higher student registration numbers and classroom needs. These same reasons may never allow us to return. We were fortunate for the many years to have had this meeting place. Thank you Rainbow District School Board.

I have asked this many times before, we are looking for ideas, subjects of interest, people you may want to invite for the next meeting in February/March 2023 (depending on weather). We want to know what your needs are or if you want to be the guest speaker and share your knowledge with others. What are your concerns or interests. Email Richard or myself.

## READING MATERIAL

- OMAFRA - Honey Monitoring Program and Results  
[Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Af  
lwww.omafra.gov.on.ca](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca)
- AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL, Thinking Outside the Box, P 893, August 2022,  
Radcliffe, Robin W. & And Seely, Thomas D.  
<https://americanbeejournal.com>
- CAROLINA HONEYBEES When to Stop Feeding Bees Sugar Syrup  
September 22, 2022 pp 22  
<https://carolinahoneybees.com>
- Essential Resources Bees Collect  
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