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KSBA President's Column

Hello all,

I hope each of you are enjoying the Christmas season. As some of you may know, there is a major change ahead for the printing and distribution of the Bee-Line. On December 1, the KSBA Exec. Board met at the Walter T. Kelley Company to begin the process of recommending a direction to be taken by the general membership of the KSBA regarding the Bee-Line. There were two definite proposals discussed, each with two related, but different, methods of enactment.

The first proposal involved raising KSBA dues in order to pay for the printing of the Bee-Line. One method was to raise dues for all members. (Dues would basically double.) The second method was to raise dues only for those persons wishing to receive the Bee-Line via USPS — thus creating a two-tiered dues system.

The second proposal involved farming out the printing to local associations. The first method of achieving this would have the Bee-Line sent via e-mail to a local registrar for printing and distribution to KSBA members in their region. The second method would make the Bee-Line available on the KSBA web-site for printing and distribution by any interested party.

There was much discussion concerning the pros and cons of each possible solution. I must at this point commend each person involved in the Board meeting on the level of communication and general conduct exhibited at this meeting. I am proud to be a part of a group that can enter into such a wide-open discussion with several differing ideas and come away with a consensus while maintaining civility. One point that was brought forward was the fact that our KSBA dues have never been used for the printing of the Bee-Line, only its mailing. For those of us that have thought our dues were going primarily for the Bee-Line, we were mistaken. The Bee-Line has been printed free of charge for as long as KSU has been performing the task. Personally, this was something I had never considered. Our dues go primarily to cover the cost of having prominent speakers at our three annual conferences, as well as for benevolent contributions to causes or persons approved by the majority of members at the general conference.

The final decision of the Board was based on the agreement among members present that the KSBA exists for the purpose of education of beekeepers and of the public. With this as the central thought, it was decided by majority vote to make the Bee-Line available on the KSBA web-site without password. In other words, anyone may access the current issue at any time. As a continuance of this action, Phil Craft was elected to act as web-master for the KSBA web-site, and charged with keeping the site up-to-date. For the members (or anyone, for that matter) desiring a paper copy of the Bee-Line, one may be obtained from local Extension Offices at no charge. The local association I belong to solved the issue by appointing a registrar to print hard copies and mail them to our members that do not have access to a computer. There *is* a cost to printing and mailing the copies, if it is done as our local group plans....but there is going to be a cost incurred for printing somewhere in the process, regardless of where the printing is done. This method places the cost at the local association level....or, as stated earlier, a copy may be had free of charge from the local Extension Office.

Is this a perfect solution — No. Will KSBA lose some membership due to this action — possibly. Will there be bugs to work out with this solution — undoubtedly. You might wonder if this was my personal favorite of the possible directions that could be taken — it is not. But this solution seemed a

worthwhile compromise, and I am willing to promote the suggestion for approval by the general membership. Because this decision involves money (dues may need to be raised by local associations to cover their cost of printing and mailing), and because each individual member of KSBA is affected personally, it is my contention that the final vote on the subject should be at the Spring Conference, and involve the general membership present. The vote will be an UP or DOWN vote on the proposal as approved by the Board, and discussion on this subject will be limited to the specific proposal. If the vote fails, the Board will meet again to reconsider the proposal.

In the interim, between the present date and the Spring meeting, there will be on-line versions of the Bee-Line available via e-mail to those persons with computer access. This will, however, be the final KSBA mail-out of any version of the Bee-Line, pending the outcome of the vote on this proposal.

Kent Williams, KSBA President 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

KSBA Executive Board Meeting March 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Fayette County Extension Office
1145 Red Mile Place, Lexington KY

KSBA Spring Conference March 15, 2008, 8:00 a.m. Fayette County Extension Office
1145 Red Mile Place, Lexington KY

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration, refreshments
9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Welcome and announcements
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Program – Part “A”
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Program – Part “B”
12:00 noon – 1:00 Lunch (served)
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
A: Pollen Trapping & Proper Care
B: Spring Management
C: Testing for Nosema
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Business Meeting - Adjourn

KSBA Meetings 2008

March 15, 2008	Lexington KY Fayette Co. Ext. Office	Dr. Larry Connor
June 21, 2008	The Walter T. Kelley Co., Clarkson KY	Kim Flottum
October 4, 2008	Christian Co. Ext. Office, Hopkinsville KY	Dr. Clarence Collison

Beekeeper’s Schools 2008

McCreary County Beekeeping School February 9, 2008 McCreary Co. High School Whitley City KY
Contact: Greg Whitis @ 606 376-2524

Audubon Beekeepers School March 1, 2008 Henderson KY Ext. Office
Contact: Paul or Betsy Stone for details @ 270 826-2767

Phil Craft’s Beekeeping School March 8, 2008 KSU Campus, Frankfort KY
Contact: Phil Craft for details

Lake Barkley Beekeeper’s Annual School April 2-5, 2008 Kent Williams’ Residence
Hands on instruction at all levels of beekeeping @ 270 382-2348

Allen County Beekeeping School TBA

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You are invited to join the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association. Membership dues are \$10.00 per year. Renewals are due prior to the expiration date on the first line of the mailing label. Local Associations may send your dues at \$9.00 per member and keep \$1.00. Send checks, payable to KSBA, to the KSBA treasurer: H. D. Overholt. Be sure to include your address including zip+4 and your telephone number.

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