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Image above: Jan Lohman, Carolyn Breece, Vince Vazza, and Ramesh Sagili check sticky boards while bees take to the air in eastern Oregon sunshine. Days for good flight are growing short statewide as the season winds down.

How do you prepare for winter? Do you have practices that might be useful to others? Please share! And send as well your questions. Dewey Caron tackles the *best bee* question in the front story. He and Ramesh Sagili respond to this month's "Question of the Month" on page 3.

Beekeeper Vocabulary: adulterating, anti-dumping duties, chloramphenicol, honey laundering, transshipment point

THE BEST BEE?

Dewey M. Caron

What BEE should you keep in your apiary? Newbees ask this question during short courses, and they ask it of mentors. Established beekeepers ponder this question continuously. How do we know what bee is the BEST BEE? Do we prefer something from far away—say Carniolans, or do we purchase “special” queens? Are locally selected bees the best bee?

I taught two week-long bee courses this summer, one to Central American coffee cooperative growers in Nicaragua in June and the other to Irish (and English) beekeepers at the Irish Summer Bee School outside of Dublin in July. At both locations, beekeepers “know” their best bee! Actually, they have no choice; they must keep the local bee. We still had the best bee discussion. The answer, as for beekeepers in Oregon, is that there is no single, simple best bee.

Central American beekeepers must keep Africanized bees. Importation of queen stock from outside is expensive. More importantly, colonies headed by European queens are not competitive—the queens are replaced in less than a year by Africanized queens. Some beekeepers still believe their best bee would be something other than local Africanized bees, however; a couple of beekeepers disagreed with my statement that stock importation is a waste of time and money. Selecting the best bee from within the Africanized bee population is grudgingly accepted, even for those observing the failure of imported stock.

Irish beekeepers husband a “Gaelic” bee—the northern European (German) bee *Apis mellifera mellifera*. An importer of Buckfast stock spoke of the great difficulties of getting permits to bring in “other” stock. The readily available eastern European (Slovenia) queens are shunned, as the “party line” is that the Irish bee is the best bee and imports should be banned totally. I had to respond “carefully” to several questions after commenting that breeding from the best “local” stock will develop the best bee in an apiary.

Interestingly, several colonies in the on-site apiary in Ireland had European foulbrood. For US beekeepers, beginning 150 years ago, the heavy EFB infections of the German bees then used were resolved by importation of Italian queens. L.L. Langstroth, whose 200th birthday celebration is

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The Bee Line

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Send news about your bees and your experiences in keeping them, as well as your corrections, letters, comments, photographs and stories (both from “old” times and new), interviews, and ads and requests for advertising to me at: *The Bee Line*, 4207 SE Woodstock Blvd Ste 517, Portland OR 97206; e-mail: osba.newsletter@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting copy is the 10th of the month *prior* to publication. The next issue will be the October 2010 issue. As always, please let me know of any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Rosanna

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Was it just last month that I was complaining about cold, wet, and windy weather—well, that is no longer a problem in the East! It has been very hot here for weeks. Now the bees are finally happy, but the rest of us are miserable. I know that in a few weeks the evenings will start to cool off and we will know that fall is coming.

We had a great time on August 5th, when we gathered our eastern Oregon beekeepers together in Hermiston for a meeting with Dr. Sagili, Carolyn, and Alexis (their lab tech). We had a fun lunch and, of course, caught up on bee talk for a while. It is always great to visit with our beekeeping friends. We are so spread out that it does not happen often enough. Ramesh brought sample jars for everyone and is again encouraging all beekeepers to sample up to 2 percent of their colonies and send them in to the Honey Bee Lab for analysis. He will be having these meetings throughout the state to include as many beekeepers as possible. Ramesh made a short presentation about the sampling for 2009 and what they are doing at the Honey Bee Lab, and Carolyn talked about the Master Beekeeper Program she is working on. It was a great afternoon.

We are working with the Oregon Department of Agriculture for their help in registering two treatments for Varroa mites. We are still working on a Section 24(c) (Special Local Needs Registration) for the Mite Away Quick Strip™ and have submitted more documents to hopefully convince them that this product is necessary. Washington and Idaho are trying to get approval for a HopGuard treatment, developed by John I. Haas, Inc., and Oregon has joined them in a request for a Section 18 for HopGuard. We will let you know the results of these endeavors as they unfold. It is time for all of us to be thinking about our 2010 Varroa mite treatments.

Please do not forget to register for the 2010 WAS Conference. Dr. Caron and Dr. Sagili have worked very hard to make this a memorable event. You can find information by going to the OSBA website, where you can download a registration form. The dates are August 30–September 2 in Salem, Oregon.

Also, don't forget our newest article in *The Bee Line*. Rosanna is waiting for your questions. Don't be shy!

Enjoy your bees and the last days of summer.

Jan

NORTHWEST CORNER

The theme of this year's fall conference, hosted by Washington State Beekeepers Association, is *Honey Bee Losses, How to Keep Our Bees Alive*. Scheduled for October 28–30 in Hood River, highlights include presentations on topics ranging from nutrient

processing to improving stock to innovative treatment for Varroa. As always, the conference provides opportunities to learn from (and visit with) friends and beekeeping colleagues. The agenda is being finalized and will appear in next month's issue of the newsletter. Updates will be posted at www.orsba.org. See page 11 of this issue to register.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Question

Do bees utilize trapped pollen the same as pollen that has been stored as bee bread?

Response

Dewey Caron: Trapped pollen (bees add regurgitated honey to pollen while collecting it) is most useful as a stimulant. Bee bread is pollen that has been transformed (lactic acid fermentation) by the bees so it does not spoil (i.e., processing of collected pollen by packing into storage cell helps retard germination and fermentation/bacterial growth and begins digestion for bee use). Pollen is valuable to the bees and beekeeper as a stimulant—not as a “food” until converted into bee bread by the bees. As with honey, it is a misnomer to say bees eat pollen (or honey). They actually eat bee bread and diluted honey (nectar). Freshly processed pollen is more nutritional to bees. Bee bread stored for a year (by the bees) has lost three-fourths of its nutritional value. For thorough discussion of bee pollen use by bees and how beekeepers can integrate protein feeding into colony care, see *The Beekeeper's Handbook* by Sammataro and Avitabile, pages 60–63. If you don't have access to the book, send a request for a copy of the section to osba.newsletter@gmail.com or phone 503.772.3486.

Ramesh Sagili: The consumption or utilization of trapped pollen really depends on how it is being fed to the colonies. If trapped pollen is provided exclusively inside a colony on top of the frames, then a small portion of it might be consumed directly and the rest might be stored in the comb for processing and later consumption. Also, it depends on freshness of the pollen. Fresh pollen is more attractive to bees than pollen that has been stored for some time. If trapped pollen is packed directly into cells of the comb and provided to a colony, then bees will tightly repack the pollen and process it (resulting in bee bread). When trapped pollen is provided as pollen supplement (mixed with brewer's yeast or soybean flour and other ingredients such as sugar syrup), it is likely to be consumed directly without much storage in the comb. Bee bread is processed pollen that has undergone lactic acid fermentation and hence is more digestible and enriched with nutrients. Bee bread is more readily consumed by nurse bees and can be stored inside the hive for several months without spoilage. There might be some differences in digestion of the pollen that is ingested directly without any fermentation process (we do not have any literature available on this aspect). Bottom line is, both trapped pollen and bee bread are consumed by nurse bees to develop their hypopharyngeal glands and biosynthesize proteinaceous secretions for feeding larvae.

Note: Do you have questions about bees or an aspect of managing them? Send them along to osba.newsletter@gmail.com or phone 503.772.3486.

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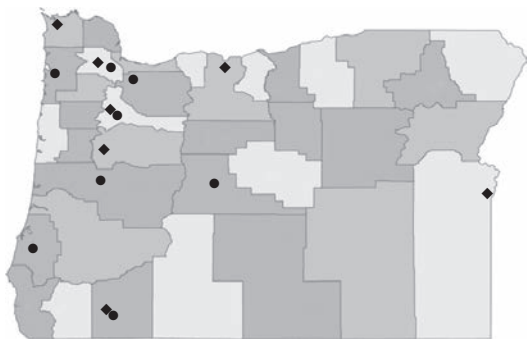
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REGIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Portland Metro Beekeepers

The group had its annual picnic in August with no business issues listed. —Paul Jarrett

KEEPING BEES IN SEPTEMBER

Todd Balsiger

September beekeeping activities are a continuation of what we started in August: nest consolidation, pest and disease control, feeding, and winter preparation.

- ❖ Colonies should be in winter configuration—too much space is a liability now.
- ❖ Check colonies to make sure they are queenright. They can be requeened with a nuc.
- ❖ Make sure colonies have sufficient stores to overwinter. They should be noticeably heavy when lifting one side up. If not, feed for weight—heavy sucrose syrup, 60 percent sugar by weight. Make sure that at least the last feeding contains Fumidil-B for *Nosema apis* and *Nosema ceranae* control. This should be in late September or early October. The idea is

for the bees not to consume this medicated syrup immediately, but to store it instead. Feed two gallons.

- ❖ Finish treatment for bacterial brood and Varroa. Test again for Varroa to ensure efficacy of treatment. Always be on the lookout for American foulbrood.
- ❖ Ensure that lids are water tight and that hives have an upper ventilation hole. Dry bees can endure cold and survive; cold and wet bees from leaky lids and/or condensation may not.
- ❖ Add entrance reducers/mouse guards.
- ❖ Try to have winter yards that are protected from low-lying pockets of cold air, protected from winds, and exposed to the sun. Face hive entrances toward the sun and away from the prevailing wind. Tilt hives so that water drains away from entrances.
- ❖ Try to prevent robbing. Avoid keeping hives open too long.
- ❖ Protect extracted supers from wax moth.
- ❖ Lastly, once the hive is set for winter, don't keep popping the lid off... When the temperatures go down and the bees become inactive, they may not re-glue lids down adequately. If in doubt, secure lids with rope or a heavy object.

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Best Bee—Continued from page 1

this year, was a champion of Italian bees. He and his son James were among the earliest US beekeepers to produce and sell Italian queens—gaining more income from the sale of queens (at \$20 apiece in mid 1860s) than from honey, his book *Langstroth on the Hive and the Honey-Bee*, or his patented Langstroth hive. In South and Central America, the Africanized bee, an import from Africa in 1956, has been the difference in improving honey production (while a step backward in colony defensiveness) for the region.

Right: A colony of selected stock of Africanized honey bees is the focus of this demonstration in Nicaragua.



Left: A field exam for the Irish beekeeping certificate involves a national hive nuc and the Gaelic bee.

Although I generally recommend that the best bee will be obtained by beekeepers as they select stock locally, there are certainly many exceptions. Commercial

beekeepers and newly starting beekeepers who purchase packages or local nucs need outside (i.e., nonlocally produced) stock. It is not possible to produce adequate numbers of local queens in Oregon, especially for early season pollination rental needs or newbie colony start-ups. Our season for producing queens is too short.

Breeding from the best in an apiary is a dilemma for the commercial beekeeper. The best bee for February almond pollination is not necessarily the best bee in Oregon later in the summer. So, what stock selection criteria should be used? Carniolans are good for our cool, damp Oregon winters, but they are not prolific breeders like Italians for producing the large pollinating units. And local breeding, when pollination rentals mean overlapping and intermingling of stock, makes local selection virtually impossible with open mating, not to mention having too little “free” time to rear queens. Small-scale beekeepers should select more vigorously, but, with nearly 44 percent overwinter losses and few locations where populations are isolated from large-scale operations (supplying the drones), realizing stock improvement goals is a challenge.

Most beekeepers actively seek the best stock for their particular operation and continually evaluate and select from what is available. The best bee is really the stock that works best for an individual apiary and beekeeper. The challenge is how to get the best bee with heavy annual losses and the restraints of a short season to rear queens from the best local stock. As US beekeepers did 150 years ago with importation of Italian queens and tropical American beekeepers did 50 years ago with African bee introduction, we need to continue to seek and utilize the best bee that works for our location.

OSBA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Note: Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association to incorporate previous updates and provide consistency are presented for review (*again*). They were printed in the June 2010 issue alongside the current Constitution and Bylaws because the proposed changes are relatively extensive, more than “a word here” or “a word there.” This second printing serves two main purposes as it provides (1) an opportunity to review changes that have resulted from member comments regarding the version in the first printing and (2) 30-days notice for review prior to the general membership meeting. The meeting will take place during the Northwest Corner Beekeeping Conference in October. A vote on whether or not to accept these documents, along with any additional changes that may be suggested and agreed upon, will take place during the meeting. Please review and send your questions and comments to osba.newsletter@gmail.com or phone 503.772.3486 so that your concerns can be presented with this version prior to the vote. The current version is posted at: www.orsba.org.

Constitution of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association with Proposed Changes

Revised and adopted October xx, xxxxx

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization, a nonprofit association, shall be Oregon State Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Organization

Section 1: Purpose—The purpose of this association is to unite the beekeepers of Oregon in an effort to improve beekeeping in the state.

Section 2: Organization—The association is organized exclusively for charitable, education, and/or scientific purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings of Oregon State Beekeepers Association will inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that Oregon State Beekeepers Association shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the organizing document and the application for federal tax exemption.

ARTICLE III

Affiliation

Section 1: Association Affiliation—The association is affiliated with the American Beekeeping Federation, Inc., by virtue of annual payment of *hobbyist* member dues as determined by the federation's board of directors. By such dues payment, Oregon State Beekeepers Association claims all privileges associated with such affiliation and therefore represents all beekeepers in Oregon for such purposes as the selection of delegates to the federation convention as well as any other matter or function relating to the federation.

Section 2: Member Affiliation—The association encourages individual beekeepers to also become members of and to support the American Beekeeping Federation, Inc., by submission of their own dues and/or contributions.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1: Membership Categories—Membership in

Oregon State Beekeepers Association shall include two categories: paid members and honorary life members. Each member shall have voting privileges in the association and thus be entitled to one vote at the annual meeting and at special meetings of the membership. Proxy voting shall not be permitted. In addition, each member shall receive a one-year subscription to the Oregon State Beekeepers Association publication, *The Bee Line*. Complimentary subscriptions of *The Bee Line* may be provided at the discretion of the executive committee or the newsletter editor.

(A) Paid members. Oregon State Beekeepers Association is a nonprofit organization open to membership without regard to race, nationality, ethnic origin, or religious beliefs. Any individual person who is interested in apiculture or any other phase of the beekeeping industry is eligible for membership and may become a paid member by submitting the required membership dues and agreeing to be governed by this constitution and its bylaws.

(B) Honorary life members. Any person having performed a worthy service for the beekeeping industry by his or her scientific, industrial, or administrative abilities will be eligible for honorary life membership. Honorary life members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of paid members, but shall be exempt from payment of dues. Honorary life members may be nominated by any member of the association and are selected by the executive committee. Not more than two individuals may be selected as honorary life members in a given year.

Section 2: Branch Associations—The association shall recognize branch associations as follows:

(A) Five or more paid members of Oregon State Beekeepers Association in any district of the state who wish to associate together and form a branch association may do so by submitting a list of all of its members and officers thus associated to the state association treasurer or secretary/treasurer annually.

(B) Each branch association may adopt its own constitution and bylaws, and establish its own dues structure as desired by its members, provided there is no conflict with this constitution and its bylaws.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1: Officers—The officers of Oregon State Beekeepers Association shall consist of president, vice

president, secretary, treasurer, and eight regional directors. In the event that one person is elected as secretary and treasurer, he or she shall be known as secretary/treasurer.

Section 2: Regional Directors—The eight regional directors shall be known as regional directors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and each shall have full voting privileges on the executive committee. All regional directors shall be current members of Oregon State Beekeepers Association. The eight regional directors shall be elected from eight different areas over the state, as follows:

- (A) Regional director 1: North Coast (northward of the city of Florence).
- (B) Regional director 2: South Coast (the city of Florence and southward).
- (C) Regional director 3: Columbia Basin (Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties).
- (D) Regional director 4: Eastern Oregon (Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa Counties).
- (E) Regional director 5: Portland Metro (Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties).
- (F) Regional director 6: Southern Oregon (Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lake Counties).
- (G) Regional director 7: North Willamette Valley (northward of Albany).
- (H) Regional director 8: South Willamette Valley (southward of Corvallis).

Section 3: Executive Committee—The officers plus the outgoing president and all qualified branch directors shall constitute the executive committee. The outgoing president shall remain a member of the executive committee until replaced by a succeeding outgoing president.

Section 4: Branch Directors—Presidents of branch associations, which have five or more paid members and submit an update annually, shall serve as branch directors on the executive committee with full voting privileges. All branch directors must be paid members in good standing.

Section 5: Working Committees—The incoming president shall have the authority to appoint working committees for the ensuing year. The chair of each committee will be invited to attend all executive board meetings. Among committees that might be established

are the following:

- (A) Agriculture Liaison.
- (B) Fairs and Exhibits.
- (C) Nominations.
- (D) Northwest Apiculture Fund for Honey Bee Research, Extension, and Education.
- (E) Public Relations.

Section 5: Method of Elections—Nominations for the election of officers shall be submitted by a nominating committee and followed by nominations from the membership at the annual meeting. After nominations are closed, the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer—or secretary/treasurer—shall be elected by a majority of the members then present. Regional directors from different areas of the state shall also be elected by a simple majority of members present at the time. The newly elected officers shall assume duties at the close of the annual meeting.

Section 6: Terms of Office—All officers shall be elected or appointed for terms of one year and will serve until their successors are duly elected and installed.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section 1: Annual Meetings—An annual assembly of the members shall be held at the time and place selected by the executive committee.

Section 2: Special Meetings of Executive Committee—Special meetings of the executive committee shall be called by the president or on written request of two-thirds of the members of the executive committee.

Section 3: Special Meetings of Membership—Special meetings of the entire membership shall be called upon written request of the executive committee or one-fourth of the regular membership. Special meetings of the entire membership also may be called by the president when deemed necessary.

Section 4: Issues—Issues, except amendments to this constitution or its bylaws, shall be decided in meetings of the executive committee by a simple majority vote of the committee members then present and in good standing.

Section 5: Rules of Order—The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order (revised) shall govern this

association in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with this constitution and its bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of Oregon State Beekeepers Association, assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

The constitution of Oregon State Beekeepers Association may be altered or amended only at an annual conference by a two-thirds vote of the total membership present, providing notice of the proposed changes be sent to all members at least one month (30 days) prior to said meeting.

Bylaws of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association with Proposed Changes

Revised and amended October xx, xxxxx

ARTICLE I

Membership

Section 1: Membership—All applications for membership must be made to the treasurer or secretary/treasurer, or the authorized representative, and must be accompanied by the annual dues.

Section 2: Dues—Dues are involved in membership in the Oregon State Beekeepers Association as follows:

(A) **Paid members.** Members shall pay annual dues.

Upon acceptance of the membership dues, the member is entitled to receive a copy of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association's constitution and bylaws.

(B) **Honorary life members.** Honorary life members shall freely participate in all activities of the state association and shall pay no dues to the state association. If an honorary life member wishes to join a branch association, then he or she shall pay the dues of the branch association.

(C) **Dues.** Dues may be paid at any time and are current for twelve (12) months. Any dues not paid within one month after they are due are said to be delinquent and

membership is canceled. Annual membership dues shall be determined by the executive committee.

(D) **Donations.** Any member wishing to donate funds toward the General Fund, Research Fund, or a specific program may do so. Such funds shall be earmarked and spent only for the benefit of the program so specified at the time of the donation. Donations made at the auction during the annual conference shall be used exclusively for research. In the event that there is a shortfall from the conference, funds from the Research Fund may be used to cover the additional expenses. The amount thus borrowed shall be repaid at the earliest possible time.

ARTICLE II

Duties of Officers

Section 1: President—The president shall be the directing head and chief executive officer, and shall preside at all meetings. He or she shall act as chair of the executive committee, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, fill all vacancies in office taking place between elections, and call all special meetings of the executive committee and of the general membership when requested to do so as provided in the constitution. He or she shall be responsible for seeing that all officers, elected or appointed, perform their respective duties and take the initiative in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the organization and its membership.

Section 2: Vice President—In the absence of the president, the vice president shall assume the responsibilities ordinarily falling upon the president. In the absence of both officers, the members may select a chair to serve for the time being. It shall be the duty of the vice president to serve as program chair of the association.

Section 3: Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer—It shall be the duty of the secretary or secretary/treasurer to:

(A) Maintain a list of all members in good standing.

(B) Keep all honorary life members on the membership rolls.

(C) Record all minutes of annual and special meetings of the membership, as well as minutes of meetings of the executive committee.

(D) Submit an annual report of branch associations at the annual meeting of the state association.

(E) Revise the constitution and bylaws after annual membership meetings in which changes have been approved by the membership.

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(F) Perform such other duties as would naturally be assigned to this office.

Section 4: Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer—It shall be the duty of the treasurer or secretary/treasurer to:

- (A) Maintain a list of all members in good standing.
- (B) Keep all honorary life members on the membership rolls.
- (C) Provide information regarding the membership list, including new members and member renewals, to the secretary and the editor of the newsletter as it is received.
- (D) Keep financial records in good condition showing all amounts received and disbursed by him or her, from whom received, and to whom and for what paid.
- (E) Have the option to send notice of delinquent membership to those members who are one month late in paying dues.
- (F) Perform such other duties as would naturally be assigned to this office.

Section 5: Regional Directors—Regional directors shall serve on the executive committee. They will be expected to be aware of the problems facing beekeeping in their respective areas of representation and be responsible for bringing these problems to the attention of the executive committee and the members. They also will send monthly reports to the newsletter editor and send a copy of each of the monthly reports to the president.

ARTICLE III Duties of Committees

Section 1: Agriculture Liaison—It shall be the duty of this committee to serve as liaison between the Oregon State Beekeepers Association and national, state, and local government entities, agriculture groups, agriculture associations, and grower commissions for beekeeping and honey bee issues.

Section 2: Fairs and Exhibits—It shall be the duty of this committee to cooperate with the Oregon State Fair Board in developing the bee and honey exhibit at the Oregon State Fair whenever possible, and to cooperate with local and district fair managers in developing larger and better honey exhibits in their respective fairs.

Section 3: Nominations—It shall be the duty of this committee to work with the membership to solicit the names of members who are willing and able to assume responsibility for positions on the executive committee.

Section 4: Northwest Apiculture Fund for Honey Bee Research, Extension, and Education—It shall be the duty of this committee to engage in the work needed to support this fund for honey bee research, extension, and education within the Department of Horticulture, or its successor, at Oregon State University.

Section 5: Public Relations—It shall be the duty of this committee to secure news items and photographs for publication at all beekeeping functions, and to work with officers and committees on proper exposure of apiculture to the public, whenever and however possible, whether by newspapers, radio, television, Internet, or other news media.

Section 6: Other—Duties of other committees will be defined at the time they are established.

ARTICLE IV Amendments

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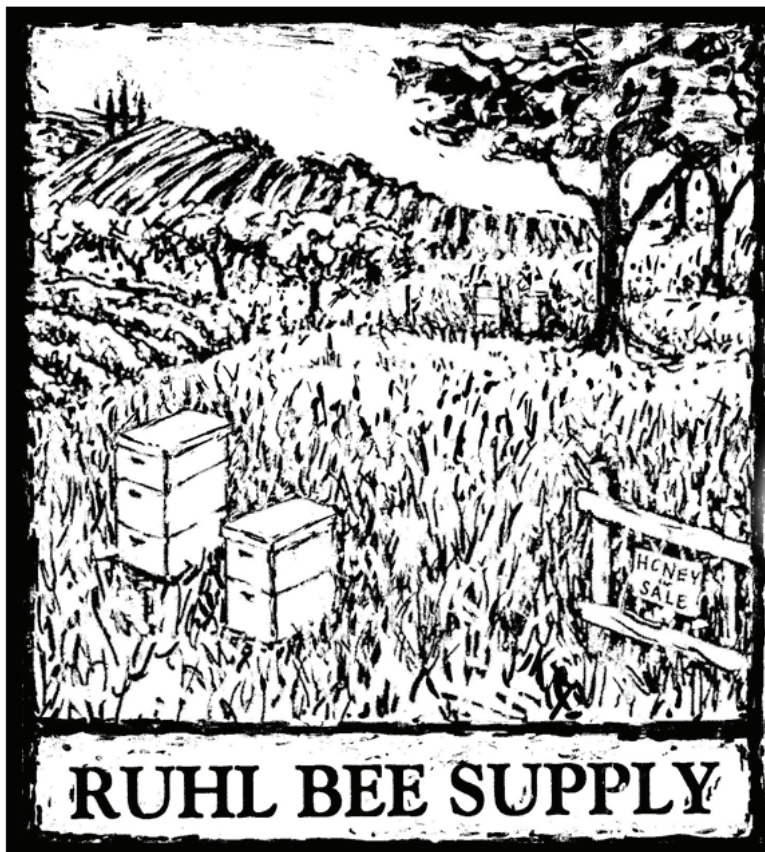


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