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Pesticide case goes to court

The case of John Tavares against Industrial Aviation et al was scheduled to be heard Dec. 20 in Salem.

Tavares, 1025 River Road, Salem, keeps bees and raises organic crops. On July 20, 1977, pesticides being sprayed on a neighbor's property allegedly were sprayed on Tavares' crop, bees, equipment and persons working on his farm.

Salem attorney Joseph Robertson is handling Tavares' case, which includes a suit against the neighbor for not warning Tavares the spray would

be applied and against the applicator.

Individual beekeepers and the state association agreed to assist Tavares with his case. If Tavares wins, the money is to be repaid and possibly Tavares will contribute to the association's pesticide fund.

Since September, beekeepers donated \$452 to help with the suit. In order to meet the lawyer's \$522.71 fee, \$76 earned at an auction in 1976 was taken from the savings account.

This is the first time a pesticide damage case has been taken

to court. Should Tavares win, it will help beekeepers of Oregon achieve a goal: It would set a precedent for future cases and help provide laws to protect bees from pesticides.

Association members have committed themselves to help Tavares. There will be more costs. Anyone wishing to can send a donation to Oliver Petty, secretary-treasurer, 1033 Gibson Hill Road, Albany, Ore. 97321.

Even a \$1 donation will help. If you wish to pledge a contribution and pay it during 1978, feel free to do so.+

Federation Meeting

The American Beekeeping annual convention will be held Jan. 24-28, 1978 at the Orlando Hyatt House, 6375 Space Coast Parkway, Kissimmee, Fla. 32741.

The convention hotel is just a few miles out of Orlando at the gateway to Disney World.

Program topics include honey research, wintering bees, honey loan and bee indemnification programs, the varied roles

of beekeeping publications, the African bee in South America, diseases and honey marketing as well as talks for beginners, films, the National Honey Show and selection of the 1978 American Honey Queen.

The Oregon State Beekeepers Association is affiliated with the federation and many members hold membership in both organizations.

As an affiliate, the association can send two delegates to the convention.

Delegates (or directors) are selected on the basis of dues paid to the federation. One delegate is allowed for every \$50 to \$499 dues paid and two for \$500 or more.

Directors determine and set policies for the federation which are implemented and carried out

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DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER: JANUARY 10

Mail to Connie Petty, editor. The Bee Line, 1033 Gibson Hill Road, Albany, OR 97321

Dues Increase

A raise of \$5.00 per year in dues was voted at the annual convention in November.

The increase is based on the need for more money to operate the association. The matter was thoroughly discussed at the meeting.

The big expense is the newsletter. Advertising does not cover the costs of printing and mailing and the strain is too much on the treasury.

During the past year, several officers paid bills incurred by the association, such as telephone and mailing costs.

The additional dues will be

noted as a subscription rate to the newsletter. By charging a subscription rate, the association will be able to get a cheaper postal rate.

Members also voted to add a new group to the scale of dues in order to allow hobbyists and persons interested in bees to belong to the association.

That fee is \$5 and includes the newsletter. Those with 0 to 5 colonies of bees can join for \$5.

Other dues are based on number of colonies owned: Six to 24 colonies, \$10; 25 to 99, \$15; 100 to 299, \$20; 300 to

499, \$25, 500 and more, \$30.

The group also voted to require bee supply manufacturers or supply house operators who do not keep bees to pay \$30, the same rate charged commercial beekeepers who own 500 or more colonies. Those who keep bees can join as beekeepers.

Dues are payable now and become delinquent Jan. 1, 1978. For your convenience, a membership form is included in the newsletter.

—Oliver Petty,
Secretary-treasurer

Convention Business

Members approved these changes in the constitution:

- Include three new classes of memberships — Affiliate commercial members, \$25; affiliate individual members, \$5; associate or youth members, \$3.
- Affiliate members may or may not be beekeepers; they will have no vote.
- Authorized the president to call special meetings when necessary.

• Changed a quorum from 12 to 25 members.

• Agreed to have the past president serve as a member of the executive committee until he or she is replaced by the next outgoing president.

Members turned down a resolution to change the number who serve on the executive committee. This would have included officers only with branch association presidents

serving as directors with no votes.

The executive committee will remain as it was (plus the outgoing president). This would include president, four regional vice-presidents, secretary-treasurer, past president; and presidents of branch association members with five or more members, who will be called directors. All will be able to vote.

FEDERATION MEETING (Continued from page 1)

by the executive committee. Anyone can attend federation meetings, but only paid members can serve as delegates. Dues must be paid by Dec. 31, 1977.

Also, those who held memberships should pay dues by that date in order to be eligible for

membership pins and awards.

President Thayer probably will serve as a delegate. Several members have said they plan to attend, but do not wish to serve as delegates. This means Oregon can send one more delegate. Anyone interested should contact Thayer soon — write or

phone, 36730 SE Hauglum Rd. Sandy, 97055; 503-668-6604.

Federation dues are: Minimum or up to 199 colonies, \$10; 200 or more colonies, 5 cents per colony. Send to: American Beekeeping Federation, Rt. 1 Box 68, Cannon Falls, Minn. 55009.

THE OREGON STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

The Oregon State Beekeepers Association was organized in 1921 by a group of beekeepers who saw the need for an organization where common interests and where problems could be discussed, and shared and solutions sought. The organization has a long line of achievements for both the professional and part-time beekeeper in areas of product promotion, disease control, legislation and research.

OBJECTIVES

1. To bring together people involved in beekeeping either commercially or part-time for their mutual interest and enjoyment.
2. To provide a voice for the industry.
3. To engage in publicity, promotion and educational work that will help develop a better public understanding of the honeybee and its importance to the economy.
4. To promote, assist and engage in research in all phases of the beekeeping industry.
5. Promote the use of honey and the use of the honeybee as a pollinator of seed and fruit

crops.

6. To collect and dispense information pertinent to the interest of members.
7. To coordinate state and national organization programs for the membership.
8. To promote apiculture interest through 4-H and other youth program activities.

ACTIVITIES

In order to carry out these objectives the association holds at least three general membership meetings a year; annual meeting and election of officers in late November or early December to conduct the association's business; spring seminar in March with an educational program aimed toward the general interest of all beekeepers, and picnic in August as a social time to provide fellowship and to exchange experiences and ideas.

The bee association maintains standing committees assigned to specific areas of interest and needs.

The association mails announcements and newsletters several times a year to keep the membership informed of activities and problems. A classified

advertising program is offered.

BENEFITS

Nearly everyone who keeps bees can benefit from membership in the Oregon State Beekeepers Association—whether he or she is a beginning beekeeper who keeps one hive for pleasure, or an established honey producer who keeps bees for pollination rental service.

Beekeepers can learn by exchanging ideas and experiences with other beekeepers. An association where beekeepers can meet makes this possible.

At state conventions and seminars—and even at the summer picnic—speakers from colleges and the Department of Agriculture, as well as those in the industry, relate the latest information on research of bees, honey and pollination and methods of keeping bees.

If you are a beekeeper, one of the best ways to do this is by joining the association. And the more you participate as a member, the greater the benefit to you. Your membership will also help strengthen the Association's position as a voice for the beekeeping industry.

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Bee Magazines

American Bee Journal subscription rates increase to \$6.50 Jan. 1, 1978. Association members can subscribe through the association for \$5 a year, \$9 for two years or \$12.30 for three years.

Gleanings in Bee Culture rates go to \$7 Jan. 1 but association members can pay \$6.50. No additional rates.

Members reelected Tom Thayer to a second year as president and Oliver Petty to his 22nd year as secretary-treasurer. Don Ames of Junction City was elected vice president.

The following will serve as regional vice presidents: Glenn Sackett of Central Point, Southern Oregon; Fred VanNatta, Salem, Willamette Valley; Bill Bade, Milton-Freewater, Eastern Oregon. Jack Piper of Coquille was reelected as Coastal area vice-president.



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President's Message

1977 has been both an excellent year and a poor year for beekeeping. The month of May, of course, was heavy with rain, while June, July and August were dry. Willamette Valley yield should have been very good in June while eastern and central Oregon yields were spotty. Some of you might have qualified for drought loans, and should have checked with the S.B.A.

We do not have a clear picture of pesticide losses this year, and I doubt that we will, because of our new agricultural

policies. The basic problems of pesticides and honey bees are still with us, and there is one thing certain — you, as a beekeeper, will have to adjust your beekeeping to cope with pesticides. This may mean completely changing your style of operation.

Michael Burgett of Oregon State University has worked beyond the call of his job to expand the educational programs of pesticides and honey bees to grower groups. We as keepers of bees must do our best to help him.

Our three conferences in '77 have been excellent programs, giving a diversified exposure to beekeeping, and we hope your approach to management has been expanded. Please send suggestions for '78 meetings.

Our Christmas wish is that each of you give thanks to our outgoing officers, especially Ken Ramsey for his dedicated contributions. Ken's efforts over the past year were great.

—Tom Thayer

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