

**March 13, 2018-03-04 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Kakabeka Legion; Kitchen opens at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7 p.m.<sup>1</sup>**

- 1) The objectives of the Thunder Bay Beekeepers Association shall be:
  - a) To encourage, facilitate and develop the growth and expanse of the Honey Bee species;
  - b) Promote and educate the appropriate Regulatory bodies to ensure the proper management of the species<sup>i</sup>
  - c) To assist and monitor the protection of the Honey bee species;
  - d) To support and promote the Health and welfare of the honey bee, to organize and supervise activities and events related to beekeeping;
  - e) To promote public awareness and the appreciation of the Honey bees.

**1) Call to Order.**

**2) Previous minutes** (Jan, 2018, see attachment)

**3) Business Arising**

- a. Volunteer for Day of the Honey Bee- May 26 (Kathy Leathorn)
- b. OBA membership and liability, need to be a member (Bruce Browne)
- c. Biosecurity Workshop March 24, 2018 (Bruce Browne)
- d. Priorities for the year and Volunteers \*reminder every 3 hours of public interaction=\$5 off membership next year- as passed in Nov 2016
  - i. Introductory Course with Roots to Harvest May 26-27 (Denise and Bruce)
  - ii. Conservatory Project and garden (Denise)
  - iii. Speakers VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: (Denise)
    - Parkinson's April April 26, 30 people, 1:00 at 55+ centre- Lorna B.
    - Military Family May long to June 1
  - iv. Day Camps with EcoSuperior (Joanne)

**4) President's Report** (Bruce Browne- see page 3)

- a. *Update on volunteer activities- Seedy Saturday's- Don Kamula*

**5) Treasurers Report** (Don Kamula see page 4)

**6) Secretary's Report** (Denise Taylor)

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<sup>1</sup> TBBA doesn't pay for the use of the Legion ... in return, we need to support the kitchen and bar.

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- a. Ongoing membership list is shared on members only side of website unless members indicate otherwise, there is a tick box to indicate this on the membership application; bcc is used in all communications except in small working groups

7) **Bee inspectors Report** (deferred until May)

8) **New Business.**

a. Bulk purchases

- i. Nucs (Barry Tabor): ORHBS (Ontario Resistant Honey Bee Selection Program); to ensure our local stock can effectively handle our winters, short season, disease and pests; Success for Barry has been fantastic and every ORHBS nuc produced honey to harvest the first season, with ZERO winter mortality. The TBBA EXECUTIVE is recommending continue to purchase local however if you are going to purchase other than local, consider Barry's offer with ORHBS \$220/nuc delivered to TBay; for more information: <http://www.ontariobee.com/ORHBS>

- ii. Containers  
\*\*Labelling requirement review, Bulk Order?

- iii. Medication  
needs: Club decision to choose 1 medication (apivar vs. apistan) annually to prevent resistance (MOTION and VOTE)

- Volunteer to  
discuss with TBay Coop for equipment
- Concern about  
antibiotics (Oxytet 25) for 2019

- b. Tech Transfer  
*Team programming in TBay March 25 (Sunday) AND July 5-6 weekend; IPM and Queen Rearing*

c. *Hymers's Triple Crown- continue or not MOTION and VOTE*

- i. Hymers offers a "triple crown" for honey -- win at the CLE, Murillo, and Hymers to obtain the Triple Crown bragging rights

- d. Elections for  
*2018-2020 (see page 5 for details)                      Nomination Committee=Executive*

- i. Vice President
- ii. Volunteer  
*Coordinator*

9) **Education & Discussion:**

- #1 Did you go into the fall with a strong hive with a good, young queen.
  - One that has good brood patterns and not a drone layer?
- #2 Did you start feeding in early or mid September to allow sugar water to be dried by the bees?
- #3 Did you treat for Nosema (the silent killer), in that feeding?
- #4 Did you treat for Varroa mites?
- #5 Did you insulate (wooden ware), and protect (both wood & poly) from prevailing winds?

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- Spring Opening- recap of video with live hive demonstration and video
- Discussion of Bruce's "experiment" summer 2018
- Q&A -- anything you want to discuss

10) Next meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Kakabeka Legion

11) Adjournment.

Don Kamula will be available  
before and after the meeting to process your  
January to December 2018 membership

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## President's Report 2017-8

2017 definitely had a challenging start for the new executive. Ingrid resigned from our Volunteer Coordinator position and Brent as well from our V.P. position. With an unbelievable amount of help from Denise and Don we managed to make it through our first half of our term. We will be seeking to fill these positions at our next meeting.

With the low number of members we had, it was a bit more difficult to find volunteers to support some of the events that we would of liked. We had to decline the Pays Plat as well as Westfort Days on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but membership did make a comeback as summer progressed. We had good numbers of support from our members to take on Eco Superior Summer Camps, Day of the Honeybee, Hymers, as well as Ingrid who took on some young children presentations for school groups.

In May, Kathy Leathorn and I took on our clubs 2<sup>nd</sup> Beekeeping workshop that brought in 8 members as well as some extra funding for our group. Erin, as we have just discovered has put on this course from Roots to Harvest for 4 years now. I truly hope we were not being competitive in nature by taking on this project and sincerely apologize if we were. We are presently working with Erin to partner if we can, on helping to teach these classes. We have offered to help if we can, as this is what the "Thunder Bay Beekeepers Associations" mission and objectives dictate. (To assist beekeepers and beekeeping groups). We have offered to provide her students with a 2018 membership to our association, to further mentor if we can, in hopes to make her classes look even more appealing, as well as increase our membership.

Our summer workshop was a success as weather was in our favour. We received a lot of press support, posting pictures and articles in our local paper, bringing us a ton of public awareness to our group. Dean demonstrated frame building; Denise showed proper lighting techniques with a smoker. Everyone had an opportunity to graft a larva into a queen cell, enjoy a BBQ and exchange beekeeping stories.

Rudy has offered to let us use the Conservatory for our bee yard, as it is quite central for our educational needs. We will most likely start quite small and expand as our financial state provides. We have been seeking funding possibilities for our future projects, such as the Conservatory bee yard and a possible mentoring program with guidance from and thanks to Kendal Donahue, who is still putting up with us.

It has been a long cold winter that will likely take its toll on our bee population, I'm sure. If any of our members selling nukes, can give us an idea if they can supply our group this spring, please let us know by the next meeting. Don Kamula was nice enough to help deliver nukes to our group last spring, as he drove back from Southern Ontario. Barry Tabor has offered to transport nukes with hygienic traits to Thunder Bay as well this spring. In the event you can't find a local supplier to help you, please let us know or contact Barry directly to arrange delivery.

January I was invited to attend the "Northern Ontario Research Summit". This was the most exhaustive, mind draining experience I've had for a long time. Coming from a mechanical background I've gained respect for all those that took business class in school. I was impressed with their method of solving agricultural issues. I also had an opportunity to talk to some farmers that definitely exhibit and demonstrate, an environmental concern for their seed planting, pesticide use and pollinator protection. I believe our presence, working with or alongside farmers as "bee farmers" could be a good thing, possibly alerting us to dates or times of as well as types of pesticide applications being used. I did notice a large Canola field only a few kilometers west of Kakabeka Falls the last two years. Apparently crops as these, are treated with a fungicide twice a summer. I have talked to Pedersen Apiaries in Saskatchewan that have Canola getting close to them. They are watching it closely, but at the moment, were not sure it is a threat to their colonies. If

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anyone in the Kakabeka area, (for an example) experience problems, we could get the contacts of the farmers of these crops, to find when the applications are done so we may relocate or confine the bees during applications.

Soil and Crop has biosecurity courses for farmers, relating to farming and farm animals. We have arranged a special beekeeping biosecurity course for all beekeepers in the Thunder Bay district to attend. It will be presented in Thunder Bay, March 24<sup>th</sup>. It is not a mandatory course at this time for the selling of bees or hive related products, but is recommended that you retain your certificate or proof of this course for future needs. We have just received notice that Daniel Thurston will be presenting this course. Daniel works with the Tech Transfer Team and is offering to present a "free" spring management class, followed by a question and answer session, on May 25<sup>th</sup>, place and time, to follow shortly.

This pretty much outlines our year in review.

Wish you all the best in 2018 with your beekeeping endeavors, and hope to see you all at the meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> Kakabeka Legion.

Cheers,

Bruce Browne.

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### **Treasurers Report:**

#### Financial Statement March 13, 2018

Opening Balance January 1,2018.		\$2285.91
Receipts		
Membership:		
Cheques.	110.00	
Cash.	470.00	
Total receipts.	580.00	
Balance		2865.91
Expenses		
Computer cables, for projectors.	86.71	
Administration, copying.	27.91	
Legion Honorarium, 2017.	300.00	
OBA membership and insurance.	220.25	
Bank Service charge. ____	0.55	
Total expenditures	635.42	
Balance		2230.49

### Thinking of Running for an Executive Position?

Description in constitution	<i>Be aware that this ALSO means:</i>
<p><b>Article XI. Duties of the Vice President</b></p> <p>1) It shall be the duty of the Vice President:</p> <p>a) To attend all meetings of the Thunder Bay Beekeepers Association, the Executive committee unless excused for cause.</p> <p>b) To organize and deliver, or arrange to deliver, all educational activities<sup>ii</sup></p> <p>c) To act for or represent the President as appropriate including presiding over meetings in the absence of the President or at the latter's request.</p> <p>d) Such other duties as he/she is appointed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find out from membership what is needed re: education</li> <li>• Plan, organize, advertise and execute interesting educational events or activities for the membership at meetings</li> <li>• Participate at</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Plan, organize, advertise and execute a member workshops and education activities for nonmembers</li> <li>• Work with Volunteer Coordinator to organize educational events in the community</li> <li>• Represent the organization as required at community events.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Volunteer Coordinator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinates with organizers of public activities to determine the level of participation by TBBA and regulations surrounding the event</li> <li>2. Arranges for volunteers to participate in various activities attended by the TBBA</li> <li>3. Maintains the Visual material available for promotions and makes purchases or completes printing to maintain quantities</li> <li>4. Determines what material will go to each event</li> <li>5. Arranges for set-up and take-down of material</li> <li>6. Arranges for transport of materials to the event.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses TBBA email to notify membership of volunteer activities</li> <li>• Makes contact with individuals to find volunteers</li> <li>• Schedules volunteers</li> <li>• Attends many of the activities as a volunteer!</li> <li>• Keeps membership informed of community events the TBBA has participated in (through President's Report to membership)</li> </ul>

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<sup>ii</sup> Amendment approved at the 2014 Annual Meeting