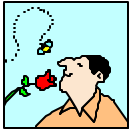


# THE BEE HERDER

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**Next Meeting Monday**

**December 18, 2006**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Annual Holiday Party  
Pot Luck**

**Guest Speaker/Entertainer:**

**Dr. Jim Tew**



## Secretary's Report

By: **Gwen Rosenberg**



*For those of you who adhere to the strictest interpretation of historical events i.e., Langstroth did not actually realize the concept of bee space after reading *The DaVinci Code*, I have put forth below an actual honest to Pete account of our last meeting. This is a keepsake newsletter folks because I have a hard time resisting the urge to jazz up our meetings for reasons that will become obvious.*

### **Medina County Beekeepers Meeting Minutes November 20, 2006**

Last month's minutes were accepted. Bruce abstained. The treasurer report was accepted and there was some discussion of taxation problems.

The club held elections for officers and executives. The following club members were nominated for office. Kim Flottum for president, Tony Armeni for vice president, Gwen Rosenberg for secretary, Mike Rossander for treasurer, and Doug Hasek for Board of Directors. The nominations were formally closed by vote and all those nominated were elected by a single ballot cast by the secretary for all club members nominated.

Whew... That's about all of that I can take. Let's just call it a day for the "accurate" minutes- my foot fell asleep just typing that. Anyway as you can tell the vote was totally rigged since I got to vote for myself again this year. It should be really interesting to see if anyone tries to run against me in the future. I'll just cast another one of my magical single ballots and zing! I win again. Overall the election went pretty smoothly except for my outright slanderous mudslinging campaign ads and flat out refusals to debate. But I was able to rally the

The next meeting of the Medina Co. Beekeeper's Assn. will be held on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 6:30 pm in our meeting room at the A. I. Root Co., 623 W. Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio (at the end of the West Liberty Commons Building).

This meeting will also serve as our annual Holiday gathering. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jim Tew will again entertain and enlighten after the meal. Jim Tew is a very funny and entertaining speaker and sure knows how to put humor into beekeeping. For those of you who have never met him or heard him speak, this is a great opportunity to sit down with him and chat about bees.

Our Holiday gathering will start at 6:30 PM and we will serve dinner at 7:00 PM. The club will provide the main course consisting of ham and turkey, punch, coffee, soda, hot chocolate, place settings, and of course holiday music (No... Jim Tew is not singing too)...Members are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. Please call and let Peggy Garnes know what you plan to bring 330-723-6265.

We also ask that you bring a "white elephant" for a gift exchange. Anything cool, funny, cute, etc. for a few laughs.



base for a great election night turnout, and all of me went to the polls to cast that single vote in my favor. Well played in my estimation.

In other news, hopefully most of our elected officials will be on hand during the December/Christmas/Holiday/Hanukkah/Kwanza/Winter Solstice party on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Root building. This year the club will be bringing the main course and club members are asked to provide either appetizers, sides or desserts. Leave the leaded nog at home please, but be sure to bring plenty of good cheer and one wrapped white elephant gift from your home or garage, or attic or crawl space for the gift exchange. (Finally a use for all those baby teeth my dog lost last spring).

The web is crawling with beekeepers and beekeepermolesters and so forth so it was suggested that the club have a privacy policy. Mike says that's fine, but you, as in all of us need to help him write such a statement in order to accurately reflect the club's feelings on the topic. I opted for a no holds barred, bare all, full frontal policy that makes no restrictions on the club's ability to print my mug or yours for that matter. If that's not your choice, speak up cause I plan on taking some painfully candid photos of people with their mouths full of holiday ham at the party.

Victoria "Voice of a Thousand Angels" Ciotta will be performing in the Medina Choir holiday concert Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Break a leg Vicki!

On December 27<sup>th</sup> the Newly elected officers and the rest of us old timers will be meeting to laugh at pictures of people stuffing their faces with holiday ham and after that we'll discuss pressing matters in the bee club. For a lack of really pressing matters it is requested that you present some such matters for us to discuss. Tony would like people with ideas for speakers to say something about it instead of spending another year complaining to your friends that the club doesn't ever get old so-and-so from whoever.

Jamie Morehead of Lazy Bee, LTD from over yonder in Portage County was at the club bragging that his club is bringing in none other than Tom Seeley to talk about honeybee behavior. He actually really politely invited us all to attend, which is what we were all hoping he'd do. More info in the future.

Kim reports that OSBA also had elections (no I had nothing to do with their elections). OSBA got a whole new crop of officers and Kim related that they are making a push into queen production.

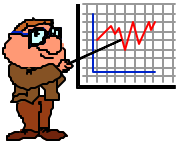
Finally, we all voted to accept the constitution and bylaws as posted on the website. Special thanks go out to Mike for all his work on this and on the website for that matter. Mike, if you haven't noticed, has really pushed us all into whatever century this is with his computer wizardry. Thanks Mike!

Lastly, we all whined about how none of us made any honey this year and it was all Kim's fault for being the messenger. Everyone boomed and hissed people who made lots of honey while most of us sadly reported our small gains and total losses. (I managed to kill everything that flew into my yard this year). Normally, I print a really lame little list of numbers here, but this year Mike put it in a real time spreadsheet with moving bar graphs and dotted lines and lots of colors- look for this somewhere else in this newsletter.

## DUES ARE DUE

Per our constitution, *The membership fee shall be payable January 1 to the Treasurer. Membership may begin any month. Fees paid during the interim carry to December 31. No partial-year dues are accorded.*

Membership Application or Renewal	
Medina County Beekeepers Assn	
Name _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check here if this is a renewal and all information on the roster is correct. Otherwise, fill out the section below:
Address _____	
City _____	Zip _____
Phone # _____	
E-mail _____	
Help MCBA keep costs low.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Can you receive the newsletter by email only?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(Optional) # of Colonies _____	
Dues for 2007 are \$20 for individual or family. Make checks payable to <b>Medina Co. Beekeepers Assn.</b> and send to care of: Mike Rossander, 1871 Settlers Reserve Way, Westlake, OH 44145	



# Treasurer's Report


By: Mike Rossander

November was a quiet month for the Club's financials. Not much to report. Thank you to everyone who has continued to receive the newsletter by email. That's been a big cost-saving for us this year.

I am still holding checks for Ruth Casada and Ronald Diesch. If you will not be at the December meeting, please contact me directly.

Annual membership dues are payable in January. Dues for 2007 will be \$20 per family.

Financials through November:

	Nov 2006	YTD
<b>INCOME</b>		
 Sales	17.50	6,230.85
Cost of Sales	0.00	(4,182.28)
Education Fees	0.00	1,065.00
Member Dues	0.00	630.00
Other Income	0.00	458.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>17.50</b>	<b>4,201.57</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising	0.00	10.00
Bees	0.00	161.00
Charity	0.00	100.00
Education Fees	0.00	820.00
Insurance	0.00	531.00
Meals & Entertn	0.00	175.34
Miscellaneous	0.00	30.00
Newsletter	37.69	648.58
Taxes	0.00	110.55
Speaker Honorarium	0.00	290.00
Supplies	0.00	150.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>37.69</b>	<b>3,199.07</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>(20.19)</b>	<b>1,002.50</b>

Balance as of 31 Nov 2006:	\$2,321.60
less Sales Tax Payable:	56.80

Notes:

- Honey sales in Nov represented the bulk sale of the remaining Club honey from the extraction demonstrations.



# Webmaster's Report

Blogs:

We launched a new section on the website where you will be able to keep your own weblog about your beeyard. Sign onto the page and you can write whatever you like about your beekeeping operation.

The section for blogs can be found at:

[www.medinabeekeepers.com/messages.aspx](http://www.medinabeekeepers.com/messages.aspx)

Your user ID will be the email address which is listed in the membership roster. Your password will be emailed to you separately in a few days. If your email address is not on the roster or if you don't get the notice by the meeting date, please contact me.

Note: In accordance with the agreement we have with our webhost provider, the club will delete any comments that it deems to be inappropriate.

Meet the Members:

Sharon Hasek has been interviewing members and posting their stories on the "Meet the Members page. Read the latest stories at

[www.medinabeekeepers.com/MeetTheMembers.html](http://www.medinabeekeepers.com/MeetTheMembers.html)

Privacy policy:

During the October meeting, a number of members raised concerns about the proposed privacy policy, especially as it applied to pictures on the website. At the November meeting, we put out a call for volunteers to help rewrite the proposal.

Please contact me if you are interested in shaping our privacy policy.

## Beginner's Beekeeping Class

The Medina County Beekeeper's beginners class is going to begin on Feb 19, with all our new recruits attending our monthly meeting. It will continue for the next 3 Monday evenings, and finish on March 19, at the next monthly meeting. At the Feb meeting we'll probably have an equipment assembly session, and at the March meeting a package introduction and colony manipulation session. Cost will be published in the January newsletter. Watch this space for more info. Current paid members can attend for free, but won't receive the handouts or book.

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