



SUDBURY DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION



since 1985

BUZZWORD SEPTEMBER 2023

NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER'S MEETING

The SDBA monthly meeting have always been held on the third Wednesday of the month since 1985.

The first meeting of the 2023-2024 will be on September 20th.

*At Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
Meet and Greet 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm*

AGENDA to follow

2023-2024 Meetings

Circle the following dates

October 18, 2023

November 15, 2023

*December does not have a regular monthly meeting but
we usually get together for a Christmas brunch.*

Due to inclement weather, there are no meetings in January and February

March 22, 2024

April 18, 2024

May 16, 2024

June 20, 2024 – Annual Meeting

EXCEPTIONS *4th Wednesday of March due to March Break - schools are closed.
December is a Christmas Brunch – venue to be decided on.*

MEMBERSHIP

The SDBA year runs from September 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2024. Annual memberships are due in September.

<i>MEMBERSHIP FEE</i>	
<i>Seniors</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>Students</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>Individuals</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Family</i>	<i>\$25</i>

Memberships can be paid by e transfer or in person at a meeting, to Rose Aniol, the SDBA treasurer. miskarose65@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE and CABINET MEETINGS

The Executive meetings were usually held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in order to be able to send the Notice of a Meeting and Agenda within the 2 weeks delay. There was a scheduling problem with the vice-president and it was decided to meet on the second Wednesday.

The Executive and cabinet will meet on

*September 13, 2023,
October 12, 2023
November 9, 2023.*

More information and an Agenda will follow after the Executive meeting of September 13.

GUEST SPEAKERS or BEEKEEPERS HELPING BEEKEEPERS

In many of the Buzzwords, over the years, I have asked for suggestions about what beekeepers and wannabeekeepers want to see at our monthly meetings. Otto Rost has come up with the following suggestions. If anyone else has other ideas, please let your executive or cabinet member know.

Hi Jo-Anne,

Here is a list of topics that may be interesting to offer, I would just need a couple of weeks notice, but can also ad-lib.

- Different bee races and their characteristics, hybrid bees and their change over generations.
- Bacteriostatic and bactericidal properties of honey, how it works
- Hive ventilation in the summer
- Hive ventilation in the winter
- Hive inspection, the different purposes and what to look for.
- Hive diseases: fungi, bacteria, virus
- Hive parasites Varroa, Acarapis woody, small hive beetle, Tropilaelaps

- Apis mellifera behaviours we can count on to manage colonies.
- How to assess the foraging pattern of your bees and locate what they are working.
- Biosecurity in the beeyard may be appropriate, in light of the EFB outbreak down south.

This should be a start, the list can be expanded; let me know if you have a particular interest or if you think there is something else you think we should add.

Otto Rost

It's September

The bees are bringing in pollen and nectar but they are still hungry. Different flowers produce them and have different nectar content. Some are not blooming anymore. The foragers are out looking for food. It is time to check the weight of your hive, check for mites and medicate if necessary, feed sugar water 2:1 and have pollen patties.

If feeding an old frame of honey from a dead hive, place it at least 20 feet away. This will prevent robbing.

<i>Sudbury District Beekeepers' Association</i>			
2023-2024			
<i>Executive</i>		<i>Directors</i>	
President	Meagan Mitchell	Paul Adam	Otto Rost
Vice-President	Justin Gervais	April Poitras	Gisele Roy
Treasurer	Rose Aniol	Alasdair MacLeod	Denise Zappel
Secretary	Jo-Anne Beuparlant	Pierre Rossini	
<i>Beekeepers Helping Beekeepers</i>			

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