



**HAWAII BEEKEEPERS, ASSOCIATION**

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Minutes of Annual Meeting February 25, 2008, 6:00 PM

MANOA GARDENS ELDER CARE CENTER, 2790 KAHALOA DRIVE, HONOLULU, 96822

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM. President Michael M. Kliks was in the Chair. Secretary-Pro-tem, Kent Lighter was recording the minutes.

The Chair established that the required 15% of 18 regular members in good standing was present in person or by proxy to establish a quorum. Those members present in person were Michael M. Kliks, Kent Lighter, Gwen and Anthony Maxfield, and Ping Chun.

**Nomination and election of board members and officers:** Barry Langlieb has resigned from the board: our sincere thanks for Barry for his 5 years of service to the HBA. All other current board members and Kent Lighter and Anthony Maxfield have agreed to be candidates. There were no other nominations as of February 24. It was moved and seconded and unanimously acclaimed that all candidates be confirmed as board members and that the 2007 officers continue in their positions for 2008.

**President's Report:** Status of *Varroa* infestation and control activities on O'ahu: the "Poor buy-in from Beekeepers" was cited by HDOA as an excuse for not executing a massive area wide suppression campaign on O'ahu. No action; observations from all parts of O'ahu indicate that feral bees are very scarce now.

Our 2008 "Honey Gate" bill (**SB2584**) passed through both houses: it defines honey as an ag commodity under HRS Chapter 147, and we have requested that it be amended to include, by reference, the Revised Codex Standard of Identity for honey and that it the HDOA be directed to adopt rules supporting this standard.

At this time no decisions have been made on the 2 research grant proposals that we have submitted to the Farm Bureau (detection of adulteration and determination of country of origin in honey) and for prospective *Varroa* GIS/GPS mapping. Nor have we heard from the Legislature regarding our request for a grant to map feral colonies and swarm data collected over the past 10 years.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cash balance in account February 18, 2008 is \$6932; no debts are outstanding; a budget is proposed that is the same as that of 2007.

**Membership Report:** as of this date 18 Regular Members have paid their 2008 dues; about 60 2006-2007 members have not yet paid their dues.

**Items of interest for open discussion included:** *Varroa* containment: area-wide campaign?; extermination of ALL bees on O'ahu: the SuperFerry's role in spreading *Varroa*; *Varroa*'s impact on managed and feral colonies, diversified Ag, food security and self-sufficiency; The problem of "Rogue Beekeepers" and *Varroa* control; "death" of Apiary Act of 2008 (SB2586); Status of SB2585: COOL and definition of honey as a commodity under HRS Chapter 147; threats to valuable organic, pure honey's reputation; residues of *Varroa* miticides and seed corn pesticides in honey; Farmers, Markets a continued success for the HBA and members with branded honey products. Newsletter Editor needed. Keiki outreach and adult apiculture teaching volunteers needed.

There being no other business the meeting was **adjournment 7:40 PM.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on May 26 (Memorial Day) at the same time and in the same place.**