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Being a beekeeper invites questions from the curious. It's part of the nature of the activity. Mention you are a beekeeper at a social gathering (family, work, church, etc), and after the askance looks and raised eyebrows you will probably be queried about your beekeeping (if not your sanity). Last month I told you some of the questions I get from my customers about honey. This month, I will ask the question: What is the goal of beekeeping?

Think about it. Certainly, there are the immediate and long-range management

Objectives: I'm going to definitely get those mouse guards on all my hive's entrances this fall (I didn't); I want to get this or that colony through the winter (we'll see). And of course, there are our ambitions, dreams, and desires:

I'd like to expand the number of colonies I have; I'd like to get into doing pollination work; I'd like to make 20% of my income from beekeeping. Yes, each of us has his/her own reasons for keeping bees and our own management style and objectives. But why pursue beekeeping in the first place? What's the goal?

One might argue (and perhaps rightly so these days), the bees need our help!

For someone else, it's a connection to nature in a life seemingly disconnected from the natural world. Or maybe it's a connection to the past revisited - "my grandfather kept bees" - or a desire to do something totally unique from one's usual activities. Everyone comes to beekeeping by a different path. No two beekeepers I've ever met are the same, yet I think we all share the same goal - to be happy.

All right, the basic reason for any pursuit is to find happiness. And one's happiness is of course something personal and we do not all find it in the same way. Still for those of us who share this avocation with bees, it is a way to find happiness. The pleasures of beekeeping are numerous and varied, thus its appeal for so many of us. "The world of men is always uncertain, seldom inspiring, often a source of discouragement and dismay. But the

keeper of bees, like anyone who has welded his life to the cycles and patterns of nature, can always turn to his tiny creatures and his craft. The bees have a perpetual store of surprises in readiness for their owner, but they also have a constancy beneath it all. No doubt, there are many fountainheads of happiness, but none equals those nature has provided from the beginning of time. "

That's Richard Taylor speaking to us from his dear little book, "The Joys of Beekeeping." Taylor was a philosopher by vocation but a beekeeper at heart. I have learned much about beekeeping from his practical books on the craft and much about life from his ideas on the nature of things. So as we approach the holidays and the solstice, the beginning of the new year, I extend to all of you my best wishes for the coming year and for your pursuit of happiness (whatever it may be). I will leave you with some final words of Dr. Taylor's - from his little manual, "The How-To-Do-It Book of Beekeeping." Each part of the book is divided into sections titled "How To ____" (How To Hive a Swarm; How To Take Off Honey; etc). Here is the last piece in the book:

151. How To Become Happy.

The pursuit of happiness is for most people a desperate chase, an ever increasing getting and spending that knows neither satisfaction nor surfeit. It must, on the contrary, continuously outdo itself in the sheer determination to escape boredom. Of course not everyone can escape such desperation and meaninglessness through apiculture. It is equally certain that others find genuine fulfillment otherwise; but for someone possessed of the right temperament, one whose spirit is attuned to nature, apiculture offers a way of life that is unique and totally fulfilling. It challenges both body and mind, rewarding the earthen element in us with the loveliest and most delectable of foods and rewarding the spirit with the sense of competence, skill, of challenge met and purpose achieved. Perhaps those philosophers and mystics are right who have described happiness as the absorption in something other than oneself. Perhaps beekeeping, then, without promising anything so extravagant as happiness, nevertheless does point one's footsteps in the direction of it."

Best Wishes for the New Year and Good Beekeeping To You!

2007 Stewardship Report for CMBA Delivered by President David Papke at the November 6th Annual Meeting

I have been a member of CMBA since 1988. I have held the office of Vice President and for many years served as the Association's Librarian; in fact, I first proposed the library for CMBA members back in 1996. So, I have been an active member for many years. BUT, this is my first year as president and I would liken the experience to being a first year beekeeper. . . even though I had a pretty good idea what I was getting into, not until I had done it for a year did I really begin to understand the scope of the endeavour. And, as with beekeeping, there have been successes and, well, some things less successful than I'd hoped them to be. But like a good beekeeper I adapt, modify my management strategies, set goals and look to the future. So let me tell you a little bit about CMBA this past year and what I envision for the future.

We have tried to be more consistent about the structure of our monthly meetings, starting on time, finishing by 9:00pm, re-instituting the suggestion box and name tags, having refreshments, encouraging members to use the time from 7:00 to 7:30 for "bee talk," and working to have interesting and informative programs and topics geared for everyone from beginner to advanced beekeepers. I think we have been successful in this regard. Our attendance is consistently around 40 people and we have had a nice mix of programs for everyone, bringing in top national, regional, and local speakers. For example, we had Maryann Frazier from Penn State talk to us about CCD, Dr. Larry Connor on increase essentials, Ed VandenBosche on how to make the very best honey and entries for competitive shows, David Morse on what's still useful in the old beekeeping literature, and Dr. Bob Berthold on beeswax. We always allot time for your questions and answers from our more experienced beekeepers, not to mention Jerry's famous five minutes!

Jerry Fischer taught another successful Short Course in Beginning Beekeeping again this year with 65 participants, over half of which became new beekeepers. We have tried with some success to make mentors available to new beekeepers.

We revived the CMBA Summer Picnic this year in July with 40 people attending for a fun day of fellowship, good food, and demonstrations. We looked into several hives and had a hands-on extracting demonstration. Participation in the State

Fair was up this year both in the competitive categories and in the number of volunteers. It was a great volunteer effort and CMBA made over \$2,700 for your time and work. We'd like to see the participation grow again next year and we are encouraging members to work on ideas for additional daytime demonstrations from the stage. Likewise, the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Honey Harvest Festival was successful in part to our participation.

The CMBA Board of Directors meets monthly to carry on the business of our association and we have been working on fiscal responsibility and accountability. We formulated a yearly budget for 2007 and you will see the budget for 2008 in our Treasurer's report (printed elsewhere in this issue). We are currently addressing the revision of our By-Laws to reflect the true nature of our organization and structure and to set the stage for the successful continuance of CMBA under its future leadership. I would like to thank the officers and board members for their work and dedication this past year.

I've learned a lot in my first year as president, not the least of which is how much can realistically be accomplished in a year (not as much as I thought!). But I've also learned that to get things done just how important it is to have a vision for the future. This is what I'd like to see CMBA accomplish this coming year; I think it is possible and I would like to stand before you a year from now and report on our successes.

First, I am going to ask the Board of Directors to evaluate our goals and objectives as a non-profit organization and specifically to revise our By-Laws.

This is necessary because we are now operating with an outdated and confusing set of By-Laws which have been revised piecemeal over the years. In fact, I'm not sure there exists an official document of our By-Laws. We are not dysfunctional - far from it! - but we need to redefine our mission, clarify our organizational structure and procedures for those who will follow us. I will present to the board the revisions I am advocating at the November board meeting in two weeks. We will finalize the revisions at our January board meeting and will present them to you for discussion in February and for your approval in March.

We will publish the By-Laws in April along with the 2007 final financial report and a membership directory.

Second, I am going to propose to the board that we raise our annual membership dues by an amount deemed appropriate to donate to the Maryland

Apiary Inspection Fund on a yearly basis. When you consider what you get from CMBA for \$5.00 - the monthly meetings with speakers and programs, the social events (picnic, dinner), the monthly newsletter, the website, the library - it seems reasonable to raise the dues a few dollars to support the annual or semi-annual inspection of your hives. The prevention of disease is critical. Imagine the importance of inspections when Africanized Honey Bees become part of our beekeeping.

The board has already discussed this possibility and I would like to see it happen this year.

Third, speaking of money. You heard in Bob's financial report that CMBA has over \$37,000 in the bank. Who is being served by that money? How can we best use that money to serve the goals and objectives of CMBA? In a responsible manner and with input from the membership and the advice of professionals I would like to begin using that money to advance our objectives. So, simultaneously with the revision of our By-Laws, I would like us to explore the best ways to utilize our wealth. If you would like to be a part of that task, I invite you to join a committee I will ask the board of directors to establish for that purpose. I think if we are wise and take our time, we can extend an important service to both beekeepers and the public.

I have a few other ideas I would like to pursue this year, hopefully with the participation of interested members. I'd like to say, much as we rely on experienced beekeepers to run our organization, I'd like to encourage new members to become involved, especially if you have ideas and are interested. I'd like to move in the direction of local autonomy in beekeeping, especially in raising local queens. There are many good reasons to do this. You may have read an article in the MSBA newsletter by Adam Finkelstein doing something like this in Frederick. This is something I personally would like to see happen and I think CMBA has the resources to support it. In addition, I'd like to see CMBA do more to promote local honey. Too often hobby beekeepers undervalue their excellent honey and hive products. There are markets. Could we not do more to connect our members with markets for their comb honey, liquid honey, candles, etc?

AND, I'd like CMBA to become more involved in the preparation and planning for the arrival of Africanized Honey Bees. Other groups are doing this already but I feel we have the resources to help those groups move forward. Is it not a beekeeping motto to anticipate what the bees will do? Finally, I would like to explore the possibility of CMBA hosting the MSBA Summer Meeting in June. I have not

spoken to MSBA about this yet but I have a hunch they might like the idea - their summer meeting typically has the lowest attendance. I think we could host a meeting that would get more beekeepers to come out and benefit from the program.

In closing (have I spoken long enough?), I encourage you to come forward with your ideas and suggestions. I encourage you to become involved in CMBA programs and activities. A dynamic organization is one that is open to new ideas, one that is willing to change and evolve. This is the direction in which I would like to move. It is the vision I have for this organization. I thank you for your support in the past and I hope for your involvement in the future.

The Passing of The Hobby Beekeeper

James Tew

Reprinted from Bee Culture September 2007

New beekeepers frequently bemoan their lack of experience. After having done this bee thing for most of my adult life, I honestly have only the faintest memories of my novice years, but one memory is vivid. Within my first two years of beekeeping enterprise, I remember finding a late-season swarm hanging near one of my hives. Having been told that a late swarm had a poor chance of winter survival and that my honey crop would be negatively affected, I logically selected the closest hive and shook the swarm directly into the unsuspecting colony. It would be a mild statement to tell you that everything that could go wrong immediately went wrong. Obviously, the two colonies were, in no way, related. The elements of my fiasco were: (1) A three-pound late-season swarm, (2) a strong, established colony, and (3) a declining nectar flow. Bees killed each other en masse. The swarm was essentially decimated while the established colony was damaged and traumatized. I was simply a dork – and an inexperienced one at that. Ahhh, the confidence and surety experience doth bring. I would never do that now. But there is a darker side to 'experience' that is never discussed.

The experienced beekeeper develops feelings of confidence and familiarity but loses the sense of innocence and excitement that new beekeepers possess. The experienced beekeeper develops ways of doing things to the point of getting in a rut. Boredom sets in. So, the experienced beekeeper tries other beekeeping venues. Queen production is a common fresh direction. Pollen collection, propolis collection, comb honey production, collecting bee

books, and pollination rentals, are other common exploration avenues. But after all that is done, what then? After years of beekeeping exploration, the experienced beekeeper finds him or herself back near the point where it all started – missing the early passion and curiosity that was once felt. Hence, I say that there is absolutely nothing wrong with beekeeping newness and innocence. It may very well be the best time of your beekeeping life; something akin to your teen age years. Don't rush your early beekeeping years. This philosophy has been mine for a long time. Yesterday, I was stunned to get an outside view of hobby beekeeping that has me made revisit the concept of 'hobbyiness.'

Hobby beekeeping, becoming passé?

'Hobby beekeeping,' as an industry beekeeping designation, needs to go away. I feel that I need to say that a different way. The grant-writing advisors at the meeting I was attending said, 'The designation, 'hobby beekeeping' needs to be removed from industry lexicon and should not be used in general beekeeping context.' I had the familiar old feeling of being a dork again. The clear opinion of the outside advisors was that all beekeepers are either part-time or full-time. Why bother with this category of beekeepers who are exceptionally part-time and label them hobby beekeepers? Golfing or stamp collecting is a hobby. Either you keep bees or you don't. Either you do it some of the time or all the time, so all beekeepers are either part-time or full-time. Why confuse things with this third 'hobby' category?

An aside

While sitting at the conference table, my thoughts raced. I'm a beekeeper with many years experience. I expect most things to change, but surely some things are bedrock in their dependability. People begin beekeeping as a hobby beekeeper; some of them grow to sideline beekeepers while even fewer become commercial beekeepers who work bees full-time. Can you understand my surprise that in one meeting and with one fell swoop, the consensus of outside reviewers is to completely drop a major designation and one that has been in beekeeping use for eons? I explored my feelings. *(At a church meeting once, when subjected to a radically new concept, a parishioner sitting across the table from me said, 'I understand what is being said, but give me a few minutes to accept it.' That was exactly how I felt.)*

The reviewers had a sound argument. The country, yea even the world, has been hammered with Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) media

coverage. Time and again, it has been reported that our bees are disappearing so our food supply will increasingly be endangered. Something must be done. Should an industry, consisting primarily of 'hobby' beekeepers, be given millions of dollars in funding support? That rings of giving funding to hobbies like fly fishing or electronic gaming. Is this bee population decline a serious issue or not? If it is, it should not be in the hands of people who call their endeavor a hobby.

The second shock wave

For many years now, my job has been to work with people who keep bees and with the bees themselves, but I actually spend more time with bee people than with bees. Don't take this next statement as anything but positive, but I must admit that we are an eccentric lot. After all, we *keep bees* intentionally. Most people do all they can to get away from bees. In my experienced and confident state, I long ago embraced the fact that, as a group, we are different. So just as I was mentally recovering from the reevaluation of the hobby designation, I was shocked a second time when one of the reviewers bluntly said, *'Yep, beekeeping has an image problem.'*

The reviewer continued her thought by saying that her take on our industry was that beekeepers and their bees were contributing to a vital pollination need but we kept referring to the process being a hobby. The public then, too often, sees our hobby as being the harboring of dangerous stinging insects more than the culturing of valuable pollinating insects. While so much media energy has been given to the issue of disappearing bees, presently, two Ohio communities are considering ordinances against beekeeping. Alternatively, Winnie the Pooh and the ambience that beekeeping provides is the opposing 'warm, fuzzy' aspect of beekeeping. Bees adorn nearly everything from nursery room toys to crafts and pottery. Honey is used in innumerable food and cosmetic items. The question is begged, 'Does the public generally see bees as ally or pest?'

Beekeepers are part of the problem. We consistently use the terms honey and pollination in the same breath as though somehow they are similar. Honey is only a small byproduct of pollination. If we strip away all the trappings, pollination is the fundamental relationship between bees and flowers – not honey production. The problem is that honey is so easy to quantify. We can price it per pound. We measure the success of a bee season by our honey crop. We invest in complicated honey processing machinery. We have a National Honey Board, but we don't have a National

Pollination Board so honey must be more important. It is as though we admire a row boat (honey) while standing by an ocean-going cruise ship (pollination).

Pollination phenomena are simply not as visually fulfilling as full honey supers. No one ever says, 'My bees pollinated over 300,000 blossoms today!' but some of us put our colonies on scales to monitor our incoming honey production. When doing pollination work, we can't say that we charge by the apple or even the apple tree. We know pollination is important, but it is so vague – so innocuous – so difficult to measure.

The numbers I am about to present are truly general estimations, but the numbers do show the scope of the pollination value that bees provide. It has been estimated that the value of commercial crops requiring pollination in Ohio to be about \$86 million dollars. Ohio currently has about 3300 registered beekeepers; therefore, each Ohio beekeeper is unintentionally contributing about \$26,000 per beekeeper to commercial fruit and vegetable production¹. Each Ohio colony (50,000 – 70,000) is contributing about \$1200-\$2400 per colony toward the production of commercial fruit and vegetables. Ohio honey production is about 50# per colony or about \$150 per colony (@ \$3.00 per pound)². Importantly, these estimations don't reflect any backyard garden pollination value, ornamental flower pollination, or pollination value ascribed to non-commercial plants of ecological importance. It could be argued that the pollination value of a 'hobby' beekeeper's single hive equals the honey value of 10-15 hives. While I have used Ohio numbers available to me, similar estimations would be expected from any other U.S. state.

I'm just a hobby beekeeper

Time and again, I have had people say to me, *'I am just a hobby beekeeper. I only have three hives. I don't do it for the money.'* Stop feeling that way! Even if you don't sell the token honey crop, your colonies still pollinated millions of flowers.

During a break in the meeting I was attending, I tried to explain to the reviewers why beekeepers generally downplay their own importance. Our industry is accustomed to downsizing. Closing USDA bee labs and reducing university bee programs are two examples. Important leaders in our industry have indicated that commercial beekeeping is the core of the U.S. industry and hobby beekeepers are along for the ride. Should we drop the hobby designation in favor of the volunteer designation? Should hobby beekeepers be put in a category with...say...volunteer fire fighters rather than a

category like bird watching? Do volunteer fire fighters see their contribution as being a hobby? Do part-time farmers routinely refer to their activities as a hobby? Is membership in the Army Reserves a hobby-like diversion?

After I have had a day to think about it, I like the idea. There is no need for the hobby category. We are all either part-time or full-time beekeepers and our contribution is real and important to our society. We need to reevaluate our perception that we are a folksy, craft-oriented group and look at our documented contributions.

Honestly?

I don't honestly expect the concept of being a 'hobby beekeeper' to vaporize anytime soon, but the CCD issue has focused a very bright light on our industry. We presently have the attention of people who are not beekeepers but who do eat three meals a day and they want to continue that fundamental luxury. If we want these people's help, we need to re-consider our own perspective of our beekeeping selves. 'Hobby' may be the term we have always used to describe beekeepers with only a few hives, but these reviewers have made me look at the way the term belittles the contribution that our 'hobby' industry makes to our society; therefore, provide a meal – be a ~~hobby~~ beekeeper.

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Annual Dinner Meeting

Don't forget the Annual Dinner Meeting on Saturday December 1, 2007. The Dinner Meeting is being held at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center. The evenings festivities begin at 5 PM with a Social Hour followed by the dinner at 6 PM.

The evening is open to all members and their families. CMBA will provide plates, napkins, utensils and beverages for the meal. Members are request to bring a dish or two to share, serving utensils but most important of all bring your family.

2008 Short Course

This years Beekeeping Short Course will begin on February 28, 2008. The follow on dates are March 5, 13, 27, April 3 & 5. These sessions will start promptly at 7:15 PM. The Saturday April 5th session will begin at 9 AM. More information and the flyer will be in next months Hive Tool.

CMBA Treasurer's Report, 2007						
Assets	As at 12/31/2003	As at 12/31/2004	As at 12/31/2005	As at 12/31/2006	As at 11/19/2007	Amt.Changes
PNC Business Checking Account	\$2,119.25	\$2,745.04	\$3,706.54	\$648.29	\$3,099.60	\$ 153.20
Bradford Bank Money Market Account @ 2.56%	\$17,077.98	\$6,681.66	\$4,784.87	\$5,286.02	\$4,564.85	\$ 11.23
Certificate of Deposit, February--12 mo.@ 4%		\$3,044.05	\$3,097.57	\$3,172.48	\$3,261.69	\$ 10.71
Certificate of Deposit, May--12 mo.@ 4%		\$3,033.17	\$3,116.11	\$3,172.66	\$3,243.46	\$ 10.64
Certificate of Deposit, August--12 mo.@ 4.88 %		\$3,032.97	\$3,089.59	\$3,164.49	\$3,245.12	\$ 12.99
Certificate of Deposit, November--18 mo.@ 4.5%		\$3,032.39	\$3,130.79	\$3,261.34	\$3,372.94	\$ 12.45
Investment Account	\$8,886.37	\$9,366.01	\$9,743.17	\$10,638.22	\$11,107.90	\$ 435.21
Books, video, equipment, etc.	\$0.00	\$4,628.75	\$4,886.75	\$5,459.63	\$5,949.86	\$ 490.23
Total Assets:	\$28,083.60	\$35,564.04	\$35,555.39	\$34,803.13	\$37,845.42	\$ 1,136.66

Liabilities	As at 12/31/2003	As at 12/31/2004	As at 12/31/2005	As at 12/31/2006	As at 11/19/2007
Outstanding Checks	\$1,003.35	\$879.00	\$180.52	\$571.58	\$820.69
Total Liabilities:	\$1,003.35	\$879.00	\$180.52	\$571.58	\$820.69
Net Assets	\$27,080.25	\$34,685.04	\$35,374.87	\$34,231.55	\$37,024.73

Membership	As at 12/31/2003	As at 12/31/2004	As at 12/31/2005	As at 12/31/2006	As at 11/19/2007
Annual members in good standing			152	165	159
Life members				5	5
Free members					2
Total Membership:	0	0	152	170	166

Revenues	As at 12/31/2003	As at 12/31/2004	As at 12/31/2005	As at 12/31/2006	As at 11/19/2007	Budget	Variance
Dues:	\$495.00	\$570.00	\$580.00	\$355.00	\$440.00	\$500.00	(\$50.00)
Interest	\$276.03	\$131.17	\$103.21	\$136.51	\$135.09	\$100.00	\$35.09
Dividends		\$221.87	\$462.60	\$864.02	\$70.00	\$400.00	(\$330.00)
Donations/Auctions:							\$0.00
State Fair: deposits	\$18,984.31	\$20,138.20	\$20,127.52	\$20,017.01	\$24,751.02	\$20,000.00	\$4,751.02
Short Course	\$88.00	\$480.00	\$525.00	\$650.00	\$1,015.00	\$850.00	\$165.00
Sales, (shirts, honey, flags)			\$85.25	\$121.90	\$118.20	\$0.00	\$118.20
Equipment Rentals		\$56.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Ads placed in Newsletter							\$0.00
Total Revenues:	\$19,843.34	\$21,597.24	\$21,933.58	\$22,204.44	\$26,579.31	\$21,900.00	\$4,679.31

Expenditures	As at 12/31/2003	As at 12/31/2004	As at 12/31/2005	As at 12/31/2006	As at 11/19/2007	Budget	Variance
Meetings:							
Guest speaker expenses and honoraria	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$815.38	\$1,500.00	(\$684.62)
Meeting Aids			\$18.87	\$82.14	\$83.39	\$50.00	\$33.39
Refreshments	\$158.05	\$409.01	\$418.91	\$515.73		\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Christmas Dinner				\$83.39		\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Picnic				\$248.47	\$93.00	\$300.00	(\$207.00)
Total Meeting Expenditures:	\$258.05	\$579.01	\$487.78	\$1,429.73	\$898.77	\$2,150.00	\$1,251.23
Newsletter:							
Paper	\$2,682.29	\$402.33	\$550.46	\$33.99	\$99.48	\$100.00	(\$0.52)
Postage				\$276.30		\$738.00	\$66.00
Supplies, toner, staples etc.	\$1,757.55	\$587.50		\$154.98	\$377.65	\$500.00	(\$122.35)
Total Newsletter Expenditures	\$4,419.84	\$989.83	\$550.46	\$465.27	\$1,281.13	\$1,338.00	\$56.87
State Fair, lables, aprons etc.	\$984.96	\$1,312.77	\$1,035.16	\$167.34	\$291.94	\$875.00	(\$583.06)
consignment	\$13,338.40	\$15,230.24	\$17,180.01	\$15,418.93	\$19,207.71	\$15,292.00	\$3,915.71
management fee		\$439.50	\$253.55	\$341.40	\$395.28	\$345.00	\$50.28
work share paid out	\$1,003.35	\$334.45	\$633.83	\$1,365.60	\$1,304.07	\$834.00	\$470.07
sales tax on items sold	\$42.57	\$79.09	\$72.02	\$71.58	\$83.24	\$66.00	\$17.24
Insurance, Bus. (1/2 of Premium)					\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Total State Fair Expenditures	\$15,369.28	\$17,396.05	\$19,174.57	\$17,364.85	\$21,457.24	\$17,412.00	\$4,045.24
State Fair Deposits less Expenses	\$3,615.03	\$2,742.15	\$952.95	\$2,652.16	\$3,293.78	\$2,588.00	\$705.78
Short Course: Supplies							
Refreshments		\$182.00	\$372.25	\$456.67	\$39.00	\$50.00	\$11.00
Books		\$28.54	\$60.28	\$110.00	\$93.00	\$100.00	(\$7.00)
Bee Packages					\$348.00	\$500.00	(\$152.00)
					\$186.00	\$200.00	(\$14.00)
Total Short Course Expenditures	\$0.00	\$210.54	\$432.53	\$566.67	\$666.00	\$850.00	(\$162.00)
Short Course Deposits less Expenses	\$88.00	\$269.46	\$92.47	\$83.33	\$349.00	\$0.00	\$327.00
Education, Bus Trip							
Grants		\$697.73	\$200.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Books, videos, Signs etc.	\$133.87	\$1,300.00	\$470.90		\$806.23	\$500.00	\$306.23
Total Education Expenditures	\$133.87	\$1,997.73	\$890.90	\$0.00	\$806.23	\$500.00	\$306.23
General Expenditures:							
Ads		\$396.00	\$568.00	\$410.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Corporation Fee		\$120.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Domain Registration Fee		\$25.00	\$45.00		\$90.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Gifts, Donation	\$25.19	\$500.00		\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	(\$100.00)
Legal-Prof Fees			\$465.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses, stamps, special delivery		\$11.36	\$30.56	\$8.38	\$15.55	\$20.00	(\$4.45)
Business Supplies		\$13.99	\$9.95	\$8.00	\$15.53	\$0.00	\$15.53
Equipment purchases		\$160.00	\$470.90	\$2,231.98		\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Directory						\$560.00	(\$560.00)
Insurance, Bus. (1/2 of Premium)					\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Debits: Bank Charge etc.	\$41.00					\$0.00	\$0.00
Total General Expenditures	\$66.19	\$1,226.35	\$1,589.41	\$3,658.36	\$796.08	\$1,225.00	(\$428.92)
Total Expenditures:	\$20,247.23	\$22,399.51	\$23,125.65	\$23,484.88	\$25,905.45	\$23,475.00	\$5,068.65
Income minus Expenses	-\$403.89	-\$802.27	-\$1,192.07	-\$1,280.44	\$673.86	-\$1,575.00	\$9,747.96

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual Dinner Meeting – December 1, 2007 - at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center. The social part of the evening starts at 5 PM and dinner starts at 6 PM. Bring a dish to or two to share. But be sure to bring your family.

Board Meeting – There will not be a Board Meeting in December

General Meeting – January 8, 2008 – at Oregon Ridge Nature Center. 7:30PM

Board Meeting – January 18, 2008 – 7 PM at Oregon Ridge Nature Center.

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