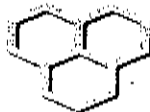
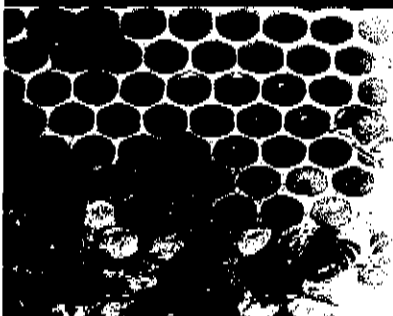


# Annual Report 2010



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## Board of Directors 2009-2010

**President:** Tim Greer

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** John Van Alten

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**Treasurer:** Tibor Szabo

### Directors:

Steve Bryans  
Tom Congdon  
Dan Davidson  
Bill Ferguson

Grant MacKinnon  
Mike Parker  
Kelly Rogers  
Brian Rowaan

Peter Vichos  
Danny Walker

### Business Administrators:

Maureen VanderMarel, OBA Business Admin  
Nancy Comber, OBA Admin Assistant

### Promotions/Media Coordinator:

Rebecca House

### OBA Technology Transfer Program Specialists:

Melanie Kempers  
Janet Tam  
Sarah Ayton  
Devan Rawn  
Alex Maranduik

### OBA Technology Transfer Program Special Projects Administrator:

Pat Westlake

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Annual General Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2009  
Hilton Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls, ON

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Tim Greer, OBA President

The Convention Committees was appointed as follows:

Nominations: Chris Hiemstra

Resolutions: Glen Ackroyd, Melanie Kempers

Scrutineers: Janet Tam, Melanie Kempers, Alison VanAlten

Sargent at Arms: Doug McRory

**Nomination 2009-2010 OBA Board of Directors**

OBA Ballet Select 14 of 17 nominated:

Jim Coneybeare	Barbara Lindberg	Steven Bryans	Kelly Rogers
Tom Congdon	Will Cooper	John VanAlten	Randy Leitch
Dan Davidson	Dan Walker	Grant McKinnon	Peter Vichos
Bill Ferguson	Albert Devries	Mike Parker	
Tim Greer	Brian Rowaan	Tibor Szabo	

Close nominations of OBA directors

Motion: Bill Vanidour                      Seconded: Dan Davidson                      Carried: All

**Election of 2009-2010 OBA Board of Directors**

Steven Bryans	John VanAlten	Bill Ferguson	Dan Walker
Brian Rowaan	Tim Greer	Tom Congdon	Dan Davidson
Grant McKinnon	Kelly Rogers	Mike Parker	Tibor Szabo
Jim Coneybeare	Peter Vichos		

Motion to destroy ballots.

Moved: Jim Coneybeare                      Seconded: Bill Ferguson                      Carried: All

**2009 Financial Statements**

Presented by Maureen VanderMarel, OBA Business Admin and Tim Greer, OBA President

Overview presented. Opened floor to questions.

Motion to accept 2008-2009 OBA Financial Statements.

Moved to accept: Dan Walker                      Seconded: Chris Hiemstra                      Carried: All

**Motion to nominate auditor for the 2009-2010 Financial Review and Statement Preparations**

Move to nominate Warren Strutt, CMA, Milton, Ontario to act in the capacity of OBA auditor.

Moved to accept: Davis Bryans                      Seconded: John VanAlten                      Carried: all

**2009-2010 OBA Proposed Operating Budget**

Presented by Maureen VanderMarel, OBA Business Admin and Tim Greer, OBA President.

Overview presented. Opened floor to questions.

Motion to accept 2009-2010 OBA Proposed Budget.

Moved to accept: John VanAlten                      Seconded: Chris Hiemstra                      Carried: All

**Resolutions**

**Resolutions #1**

Where as a number of directors, honey judges and others are tied up in duties related to the annual convention and

Where as they pay a registration fee to come to the convention and

Where as they then miss some or all of the speakers

Be it resolved that the OBA record the sessions/speakers at the Spring/Summer/ Annual meetings and make these recordings available to these people for viewing at a later time at their convenience.

Motion: Ken Coyle                      Second: Vince Nevidon                      Carried: All

**Resolution #2**

Whereas honey is the only food that is antibacterial;

Therefore be it resolved that OBA initiate discussions with OMAFRA to exempt honey from the word "food" in regulations related to bacterial concerns.

And be it further resolved that OBA forward a resolution to CHC to exempt honey from the word "food" in regulations related to bacterial concerns.

Moved: Tibor Szabo                      Seconded: Peter Mewett                      Defeated

**Resolution #3**

Whereas importing bee from Chile could restrict Canadian bee exports to the United States (USA presently does not allow Chilean queen imports)

And whereas Canadian queen exports to Chile would provide an expanded market for Canadian Queen producers

And whereas Canada has a free trade agreement with Chile;

And whereas Chilean protocol in not workable

Therefore be it resolved that the OBA investigate avenues allowing Canada to export queens to Chile.

Moved: Tibor Szabo                      Seconded: Peter Bussell                      Carried: All

**Resolution #4**

Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources pay for the loss of hives due to bear damage and

Whereas damage to bee hives is increasing due to damage of marauding raccoons

Be it resolved that the OBA approach the Ministry of Natural Resources for compensation for the loss of combs and bees.

Moved: Bill Ferguson                      Seconded: Davis Bryans                      Carried: All

**Resolution #5**

Whereas the cost of belonging to the Ontario Beekeepers' Association(OBA) has grown so high that it has discouraged some from paying the cost of membership and

Whereas the right of choice to determine what we would like to support is being removed

Be it resolved that OBA members have the freedom to join the Canadian Honey Council (CHC) of their own choice and not be mandatory

Be it resolved therefore that the only dues collected by the OBA be that of our Provincial organization and that dues collected by the CHC be collected voluntarily by the OBA

Moved by: Henry Hiemstra                      Seconded: Bill Ferguson                      Defeated

**Election of 2009-2010 Board of Directors Executive**

Officiated by Pamela Young, OMAFRA Manager

**Motion to Nominate President:** Tim Greer

Moved to accept: Dan Walker                      Seconded: Dan Davidson                      Carried

**Motion to Nominate 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** John VanAlten

Moved to accept: Brian Rowaan                      Seconded: Dan Walker                      Carried

**Motion to Nominate 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Jim Coneybeare

Moved to accept: Tim Greer                      Seconded: Tom Congdon                      Carried

**Motion to Nominate Treasurer:** Tibor Szabo

Moved to accept: Dan Walker                      Seconded: Tim Greer                      Carried

**Motion to Appoint Business Administrator:** Maureen VanderMarel

Moved to accept: John VanAlten                      Seconded: Jim Coneybeare                      Carried

**Nomination of Delegate to the Canadian Honey Council:** Dan Walker

Moved to accept: Jim Coneybeare                      Seconded: Bill Ferguson                      Carried

Motion to nominate Henry Hiemstra as a Lifetime Member of Ontario Beekeepers' Association in recognition of his years of service and contribution.

Moved: Tim Greer                      Seconded: Dan Davidson                      Carried: All

*Next OBA Board of Directors Meeting:*

*Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at Country Heritage Park, Milton*

Meeting Adjourned 4:40pm

## **Committee Reports for 2009 – 2010**

### **President's Report – Tim Greer, OBA President**

I wish to welcome everyone to the Ontario Beekeepers' Association Annual General Meeting. This year we are very pleased to be hosting this event along with the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA).

2010 has been a roller coaster ride for beekeeping in Ontario. We began the year with a mild winter and very early spring which benefited the bees tremendously. After experiencing lower winter losses than the previous 3 years we were blessed with a rapid spring build up in the colonies. Then the news came that Small Hive Beetle had been found in Hawaii within days of Hawaiian Queens being shipped to Canada. The provinces responded immediately and each shipment was traced out and inspections completed. Fortunately, not one beetle was found. This proved a valuable exercise to test the responses at all levels to such a risk. Summer continued with great weather for honey production in most of the province. All the time concerns were rising about what this early spring brooding and great weather may be doing to aid the rising varroa mite populations in the hives. We were facing a fall treatment season when mite treatments may have to be applied even earlier than previous years. The challenge was the availability of an effective control product. Throughout the summer much time was spent attempting to provide Canadian beekeepers with some treatment options for varroa. In the end an Emergency Use Registration for Apivar was obtained and beekeepers once again had a limited number of options for effective varroa control. Reports of good honey crops were coming in from most areas of the province. Public support of buying honey from local beekeepers was excellent. Then came September and the discovery of Small Hive Beetle in Essex County. The discovery of a new pest brought with it challenges to all levels involved in beekeeping. Immediately, surveillance efforts began across the province focusing on border areas. To date Small Hive Beetle has only been confirmed in Essex County. During these meetings you will hear of the ongoing efforts to deal with this situation. The mild fall temperatures brought back some optimism with great weather for getting the bees fed and ready for winter. Let hope the ride has levelled out for a while.

It was certainly not the greatest year to become the new Provincial Apiarist for Ontario. Early in the year Paul Kozak took on his new role with OMAFRA. Paul and the whole bee program at OMAFRA have worked hard addressing all of these challenges. I would like to thank Paul Kozak, Pamela Young and their team for their ongoing support throughout this year.

During the spring meeting of the OBA we had the privilege to acknowledge the efforts of Alison VanAlten in her role as a founding member of the Tech Transfer Program. Throughout this year Tech Transfer has continued to provide Ontario beekeepers with an excellent program. Janet Tam and Melanie Kempers made tremendous efforts to maintain the reputation of our program during a time of being shorthanded and should be commended. OBA's commitment to the Tech Transfer Program remains as strong as ever. The Tech Transfer Program will be strengthened this coming year with the addition of Les Eccles to the team. Many of you know Les and are familiar with his work. Please be sure to welcome Les during these days.

Membership in the OBA has continued to grow throughout 2010 and our voice is becoming increasingly important in matters affecting beekeeping in the province. My commitment to our industry and the OBA will continue as I leave my role as President. I wish to thank Maureen for all that she has done to strengthen the OBA during the past two years. The Association has made many advancements in areas that are often unseen by many yet will prove valuable in the efficient operation of your OBA. I would like to thank the OBA board members for their support throughout my presidency. Thank you for all you do as volunteers for an industry you care so deeply about. I would be remiss if I did not close by expressing my thanks to Dan Walker and John VanAlten who have both been a tremendous support to my role. Dan made every effort to prepare me for taking over and John has been great at making the time to become informed. I know John will make an excellent President and I wish him all the best.

**Treasurers Report – Tibor Szabo, OBA Treasurer**

**OBA Finance Committee: Tim Greer, John VanAlten, Jim Coneybeare, Maureen VanderMarel, and Pat Westlake.**

OBA Finance Committee met by conference throughout the year to address financial concerns, redefining policy and protocols. Using a draft finance policy initiated by Francois Petit, 2009 OBA Treasurer, the committee has reached a consensus of an excellent Finance policy for OBA that defines best accounting and management practices.

OBA Membership again appointed Warren Strutt, Certified Management Accountant of Milton as the OBA auditor. Warren has extended invaluable guidance to OBA.

In efforts to be accountable and transparent, the OBA-Tech Transfer Program financials have now been consolidated into the OBA financial year end. Presented is a 9 month period from January 01, 2010 to September 30, 2010. OBA –Tech Transfer Program financials in the past have been reported, audited and reviewed by OMAFRA with a fiscal period running from Jan 01 to Dec 31.

September 30, 2010 OBA Financial Statements are attached for your review by reader.

The OBA Admin 2011 operating Budget is attached as approved by the OBA Board of Directors.

Submitted: Tibor Szabo, Treasurer, and Maureen VanderMarel, OBA Business Admin

**OBA Business Administration Report – Maureen VanderMarel**

OBA Admin was recipient of funding from the Farm Credit Canada Agri Spirit Fund for facility enhancement in Dec 2009. This allowed expansion of the OBA Admin office to create working and storage space desperately required.

Thank you FCC Agri-Spirit fund for assisting us in moving forward to be more efficient, update technology and create an improved appointed office/meeting area.



OBA Admin and OBA Promotions participated in Foodland Ontario's "Ontario Feature" market held on the front lawn of Queens Park, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Honey bee observation hive and Ontario honey producers product were featured. It was a wonderful opportunity to dialogue with consumers, Ontario Members of Parliament, and Minister of Agriculture, Carol Mitchell.

The Ontario Local Beekeeper's Associations provide our first opportunity to interact with the general public and the local education system. To assist in their invaluable efforts, OBA has provided valuable information directly to the Associations. OBA Admin and OBA Tech transfer Program continue to support local beekeeping initiatives.

"OBA Members Access Only" was launched this year with OBA membership renewal.

[www.ontariobee.com](http://www.ontariobee.com) is a wonderful marketing and promotion tool for OBA. We continue to develop and create areas of interest, education and best beekeeping practice. Mark it as a "favourite" and visit often to keep current and informed.

OBA –Tech Transfer was recipient of a \$5,000 - Regional Award –for the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence in July 2010. Ontario's beekeeping industry is recognized internationally as a leader in honey bee disease detection and prevention. The program has played a key role in the selection of honey bee stock for disease resistance characteristics. Congratulations to OBA –Tech Transfer program for the recognition.

OBA Admin welcomed Rebecca House, OBA Promotions/Media Coordinator in March 2010. Rebecca brought forward an astute awareness of media promotion and marketing opportunities. Creation of a consumer awareness brochure about Pollination has been created and has received much attention. The development of the Foodland Ontario honey commodity card is in completion and recent Foodland Ontario commercials for television and radio now include Ontario honey. "Pour on the goodness" is the new catch phase. Truly delightful to hear!

Rebecca will be leaving the OBA Promotion/ Media Coordinator position Dec 1, 2010 as she is expecting a new arrival in January and has decided to concentrate on her family responsibilities for the near future. OBA extent our best wishes and thanks!

OBA Board Executive has appointed Nancy Comber to the position of OBA Promotions/Media Coordinator. Nancy brings a background in marketing and will continue to assist in the OBA Admin office. The past two years of working with OBA membership, event meetings, production of the Ontario Bee Journal has given Nancy many opportunities to become familiar and informed. Nancy's unique ability to recognize when assistance is required is truly appreciated.

Special thanks to Pamela Young, OMAFRA, Manager Foods of Plant Origin, Paul Kozak, Ontario Provincial Apiarist and Helen Scutt, OMAFRA Agriculture Organizations Specialist for their support and assistance throughout the year. OBA Admin extends thanks to the OBA membership for their generosity of spirit, passion for beekeeping in Ontario and the friendship extended.

In closing, I especially thank the OBA Board of Directors their guidance, support and the outstanding level of volunteerism they bring to OBA. Emerging changes, unanticipated bee hive health issues are unexpected concerns that require their commitment to resolve and problem solve. Their contribution of time and effort is enormous. It is my pleasure to assist them.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen VanderMarel

### **Canadian Honey Council – Dan Walker, OBA Delegate**

Each year Canadian Honey Council discusses what their priorities will be for the year. The strategic priorities for this year have been: Hive Health, Market Access/ Share, Food Safety, Labour and Succession.

Given new problems that have arisen with small hive beetle in Hawaii and the problem with importing their queens, a new committee has been established, under the name of Honeybee Stock Replacement to see what options might be available. Pest Management Regulatory Agency criteria can not be met under the current protocol. This could be devastating to beekeepers in western Canada, who rely on restocking their hives each year.

With hive beetle in Ontario all the other provinces are talking about closing their borders to Ontario bees. This will be put under close scrutiny as how this is dealt with. It will be a big issue in the next while.

Canadian Bee Industry Safety Quality Traceability (C-BISQT) has been submitted to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency for review.

The Save Our Bees Campaign has been very successful along with our sponsorship program.

The west is still dealing with labour issues around foreign workers.

It is with regrets that Heather Clay will be retiring from CHC. Her expertise will be missed on the board. We wish her well in her new endeavours.

### **Ontario Federation of Agriculture Report – Jim Coneybeare, Representative**

#### **Key Messages:**

- Agriculture is an important economic driver in Ontario – sound policy can create growth
- Farm businesses need the reliable and bankable risk management programs that have been designed by farmers
- Wildlife and predator damage must be controlled and adequately compensated
- Ontario needs policy on compensating farmers for ecological goods and services (carbon sequestration, habitat protection, protection of water recharge areas)
- Property tax assessments must recognize farm value retention and value added business

#### **The data:**

- 164,000 Ontario are jobs supported by the agri-food sector
- \$7 billion paid in wages and salaries
- \$3.4 billion tax dollars generated by Ontario's Agri-food sector
- 13% of the Ontario's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) generated by agriculture
- 40% of GDP in rural Ontario is generated by agricultural activity

OBA has stayed informed to items of possible impact:

- Increase in wildlife damage compensation.
- Bunk house for farm help- tax treatment and assessment.
- Farm definition for value retention and value-adding activities as it affects property assessment.
- Programs for beginning farmers.

### **Agricultural Adaptation Council –Tim Greer, Representative**

The Agricultural Adaptation Council is a non-profit, grass roots coalition of 66 agricultural, agribusiness and rural organizations dedicated to providing financial resources to help Ontario's agricultural and agri-food industry remain profitable, grow and maintain economic strength.

AAC continues to support beekeepers through their assistance with funding programs that become available. OBA Tech transfer Program has worked closely with many of their research projects. OBA Promotions/Media Coordinator position is funded through an ACC funding opportunity.

As a member of Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC), OBA is appointed to an "Other Industries /Commodities" sectoral group. Fourteen (14) sectoral group directors and two (2) youth at large directors form the newly revised AAC Board. OBA has worked with their Sectoral Group to nominate and appoint Kristin Ego MacPhail as board representative. OBA member, Alison VanAlten has agreed to let her name stand for position of youth at large director. The nomination for this position will take place at the AAC Annual Meeting on Dec 2, 2010. The untraditional partnering and networking within the Sectoral Group will benefit OBA in the future. We extend our support and success to Alison in her nomination.

### **Ontario Agricultural Commodity Council – Steven Bryans, Jim Coneybeare & Mike Parker, Representatives**

Meeting was held at the Four Points Sheraton, London on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Bunkhouse tax for labourers was discussed. It was under "Farm Tax", but the Government wants to change it to "Residential Tax." Also, it was decided to apply the \$90,000 of residual funds from ORD to OFAC/AGCARE's promotional proposal (Food Service and Retailer Strategy).

### **Convention Honey Competition Report – Grant McKinnon, OBA Director**

OBA annual Honey Competition has 15 exhibit classes. Co-operators Insurance has come forward again this year as an event sponsor (\$300.00) and have offered prize monies to the competition winners. We encourage OBA members to consider entering the competition.

### **Membership Committee Report –Tibor Szabo, Chair**

#### ***OBA has exceeded forecasted 2010 memberships!***

OBA continues to seek new members. Additional copies of the Ontario Bee Journal were sent to Local Associations for the purpose of promotion at the local level. To add to this endeavour several copies were also sent to various bee equipment suppliers and producers for distribution to non-OBA members. We are

happy to report that as of May 2010 the OBA has exceeded our forecasted 2010 memberships, with increases in both voting and associate memberships. Increased target for OBA membership have been set for 2011. Please help us in endorsing the value of benefits OBA membership offers.

### **OBA Newsletter & Website Committee Report –Kelly Rogers, Chair**

#### **Ontario Bee Journal Report – Kelly Rogers**

The Ontario Bee Journal successfully published 6 issues at a cost of \$21,318. A large print run of 1000, up from the usual print run of 500-575, was requested for the February issue. The extra copies were distributed to local associations and at meetings as a promotional tool. Thanks to our dedicated editor, Henry Heimstra, and to Nancy and Maureen at the office, for all their hard work.

#### **OBA Website – Kelly Rogers**

The OBA website proves to be an invaluable tool for the OBA and our members. Since January 2010 we have experienced over 60,000 visitors, with over 44,000 being categorized as unique visitors to the OBA website. Those visitors are spending an average time of 8.33 minutes touring the site. The OBA website statistics indicate that our consumers are looking for knowledge on bees. This is emphasised with “Bee Facts” being the most common search phrase used on the OBA website.

Also the development of the “Members Only Log-in” is completed and all members have been mailed their unique username and password. Our members can access past issues of the OBJ, board minutes and other OBA documentation.

#### **Ontario Bee Breeders (OBBA) – Kelly Rogers, OBA Director**

Last year’s wintering success for established beekeepers was back to normal levels for most areas of the province resulting in less demand for spring nucs. However, the recent boom in new hobby beekeepers kept nuc and queen producers busy with steady sales. A “Nuc Buyers Guide” was developed with input from the OBBA committee and the OBA Tech Transfer Team, and published in the April edition of the Ontario Bee Journal. It is also available on the OBBA website, a permanent source of information about nucs for new beekeepers. The mandate of the OBBA was also clarified as follows: The mandate of the Ontario Bee Breeders’ Association (OBBA) is to encourage and support Ontario beekeepers in their production of high quality queens, queen cells and nucs through education and practical support.

#### **Pollination Report – Jim Coneybeare, OBA Pollination Committee Chair**

*Support your local bees...we help to bring you fruit and sweeten your day with honey.*

OBA Pollination Association submitted two successful advertisements in Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers’ Assoc. (OFVGA) monthly newspaper “The Grower” in March and April 2010. Accompanied by feature articles on the value and importance of pollination the newspaper features OBA members offering pollination services.

The pollination situation has changed this year with regards to bees moving to Quebec and New Brunswick. Blueberry prices have fallen due to imports thus hive demand and prices for pollination were down. About 16% fewer hives left the province total number being 12,960 down from 15,500 hives last year for pollination. Hybrid canola pollination was similar to previous years.

#### **Promotions/Marketing Committee Report – Bill Ferguson, Chair**

It has been an interesting year for promotions/media committee. The year started with a search for a new promotions coordinator. We are fortunate to have recruited Rebecca House who was able to expand upon the program initiated by Sally Huffman Brown and provided the OBA with numerous opportunities. Those opportunities included promoting beekeeping, pollination and honey to the Media and at various events. Rebecca facilitates the production of our Pollination brochure, highlighting the importance of honey bees in this process. We wish Rebecca the best as she is leaving us with the upcoming increase in her family.

OBA Admin was able to fill in the gaps between the Promotions/Media Coordinators and introduced three new promotion products to our members. Those being the 100% Ontario Honey Banner with your Company name, an upright 100% Ontario Honey metal sign (for farm market displays) and the "I am %100 Ontario Honey" apron. The committee are looking to have the program continue this coming year with Nancy Comber co-coordinating future efforts. Nancy has worked with Maureen over the last two years in the OBA admin office and is looking forward to bring her expertise in promotions/media to the OBA.

#### **Royal Winter Fair Honey Competition – Grant McKinnon, Chair**

The RAWF competition committee has extended their promotional package again this year, to help increase sales by promoting the championship standing award to the Honey Producer by professional judges at a national event. The winner of each champion division within the Honey Competition will receive a Complimentary Champion Promotional Package.

Included in this package:

- A Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Champion Certificate to be used for farm window displays or where product is displayed for retail.
- Electronic copy of the certificate and approval to duplicate certificate for promotion.
- Electronic copy of The Royal logo to use it in marketing/advertisement. Advertisements must indicate the award was won in 2010.
- Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Champion stickers (approx. 25) to be used on product packaging to compliment producer label.
- Opportunity to provide a business card advertisement to be placed on The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair website.

It is hoped that the Champion Promotional Package will encourage continued competition and create interest of more competitors.

The Toronto District Beekeepers are operating the sales booth with help of volunteers. They do a great job of promoting bees and beekeeping. The demonstration hive creates excitement with the young and old alike.

## **2010 Spring Meeting - Dan Davidson, Chair**

The Spring Meeting was a fantastic two days! Both the Ontario Bee Breeders Spring Meeting and the Ontario Beekeepers' Association's Spring Meeting had an increase in the number of participants (165 excited delegates) and the guest speakers were great.

Highlights included presentations from Dr. John Pollard, Dr. Ernesto Guzman and Dr. Peter Kevan for the Ontario Bee Breeders meeting and Dr. Peter Kevan, David Vanderdussen of NOD and Dr. Karol Mathews for the OBA producers meeting. Paul Kozak, newly appointed Ontario Provincial Apiarist was introduced to delegates at this first OBA meeting in his position as well.

## **2010 Summer Meeting – John Van Alten, Chair**

On July 10, 2010 the OBA in conjunction with the Golden Horseshoe Beekeepers Association held a very successful summer meeting at the Ancaster Fair Grounds.

Featured speakers were Dr. Armo Zayed, York University and Eugene Roman, Mead Maker.

Once again we held a lucrative Queen Bee Auction as well as a Mead Auction which raised funds to support research. OBA extends our thanks to the various queen producers for their donations.

Later in the afternoon we had perfect weather for some beekeeping demonstrations lead by Paul Kelly and the OBA tech transfer team.

I would like to thank the committee, Maureen VanderMarel, the Golden Horseshoe Beekeepers Association and in particular Jim Henderson for putting on a great meeting.

Looking forward to next summer, if there are any local associations who would like to host this event, we would love to hear from you.

## **2010 Resolutions Committee – John Van Alten**

Every year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), our members have a chance to influence the direction of the OBA through the resolution process. Some resolutions are fairly straight forward and can be dealt with from the floor of the AGM. Others are more complicated and may require some research before they can be put to a vote.

In an effort to allow members to research the issues around potential resolutions, we have introduced on our website a pre – AGM resolution submission process. We would encourage our members to use this tool to bring forward their concerns and proposals.

The October issue of the OBJ had an article offering suggestions on how to structure a resolution so that it will be clear as to what the issues are that need to be addressed and what action should be taken.

**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

**UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER**

**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
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## **NOTICE TO READER**

To the Members of  
Ontario Beekeepers' Association  
8560 Tremaine Road  
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Milton, Ontario L9T 4Z1

On the basis of information provided by the company, I have compiled the statement of financial position of Ontario Beekeepers' Association as at September 30, 2010 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

I have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

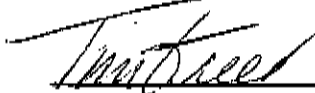
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November 9, 2010

Warren Strutt  
Certified Management Accountant

**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at September 30**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 72,783	\$ 71,323
Accounts receivable	6,635	3,882
Tech Transfer Cash	138,439	-
Inventory	<u>4,246</u>	<u>4,132</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 222,103</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 79,337</u></b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 7,840	\$ 4,288
Unearned revenue	<u>4,719</u>	<u>13,174</u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>12,559</b>	<b>17,462</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b><u>209,544</u></b>	<b><u>61,875</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 222,103</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 79,337</u></b>

On behalf of the Board



Members - Tim GREER  
 OBA PRESIDENT



TIBOR SZABO  
 OBA TREASURER

**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets  
For the year ended September 30

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>REVENUES, Schedule 1</b>	<b>\$ 421,198</b>	<b>\$ 429,644</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES, Schedule 2</b>	<b>359,011</b>	<b>422,769</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>62,187</b>	<b>6,875</b>
<b>BALANCE, OPENING</b>		
As previously stated	61,875	55,000
Tech Transfer Program Opening Balance	<b>85,482</b>	-
As restated	<b>147,357</b>	<b>55,000</b>
<b>BALANCE, CLOSING</b>	<b>\$ 209,544</b>	<b>\$ 61,875</b>

**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

Notes to Financial Statements

As at September 30, 2010

**1. Nature of operations**

Ontario Beekeepers' Association was incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The association operates as a non-profit organization in Ontario and is exempt from income taxes.

**2. Significant accounting policy**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The significant policy is detailed as follows:

**Inventory**

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method.

**3. Tech Transfer Program**

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association is responsible for the Tech Transfer Program (TTP) and, as such, transfers funds to the TTP annually. The TTP program has been consolidated in these statements for a 9-month period ended September 30, 2010 and funds transfers have been eliminated as part of the consolidation process for the current year. For the September 30, 2011 statements the TTP Program will be fully consolidated in these statements.

**4. Comparative amounts**

The financial statements have been reclassified, where applicable, to conform to the presentation used in the current year. The changes do not affect prior year earnings.

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**Schedule of revenues**

**Schedule 1**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
OMAFRA funding	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000
Grants	64,773	70,464
Memberships	55,337	54,356
Workshops	27,423	-
Research funding	26,825	16,313
Containers	25,631	42,309
Insurance	17,584	16,912
Convention	13,939	61,849
CHC memberships	12,350	14,600
Advertising	9,731	12,585
Magazines and books	9,033	5,856
THYMOL	8,152	-
Pollination and OBBA Association	6,390	3,618
Meetings	5,716	8,198
Testing	5,360	-
Sask Beekeeper CAPA Steering Committee	4,750	-
NOD Testing	4,562	-
Clothing sales	2,767	2,093
Advance Payment Programs Fees	1,863	120
Promotional items	1,827	3,899
FIP	854	-
Sundry	672	512
Shipping and handling	367	531
Interest income	292	174
Donations	-	255
	<u>\$ 421,198</u>	<u>\$ 429,644</u>

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**Schedule of expenditures**

**Schedule 2**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Tech Transfer Subcontractors	\$ 91,649	\$ -
OBA Contract administrator	43,805	39,321
Office	37,827	17,081
Ontario Bee Journal	21,979	19,513
Convention	18,965	61,657
Operations	18,561	-
CHC memberships	17,298	16,500
OBA member liability insurance	16,280	16,280
Promotions media coordinator	14,621	26,205
Research projects	13,699	17,113
Special funding	20,096	157
Meetings	7,865	9,341
Magazines and books	7,769	5,426
General office administration	6,325	7,548
Directors expenses	5,945	4,475
Workshops	4,824	-
Promotional clothing	4,124	2,313
Interest and bank charges	2,388	3,002
Pollination and OBBA association	1,916	1,234
Memberships	1,500	1,450
Insurance	792	2,502
Shipping and handling	658	1,039
Royal Winter Fair	125	125
Tech Transfer program funding	-	105,000
Container	-	36,436
Funded position	-	20,000
Inventory writedown	-	9,030
Advanced Payment Program	-	21
	<b>\$ 359,011</b>	<b>\$ 422,769</b>

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Grand River Beekeepers' Association  
Grey-Bruce Beekeepers Association  
Halidmand Norfolk District Beekeepers' Association  
Huronia Beekeepers' Association  
Huron-Perth Beekeepers' Association  
Lanark County Beekeepers' Association  
Limestone Beekeepers' Guild  
Middlesex, Oxford, Elgin Beekeepers' Association  
Muskoka-Parry Sound Beekeepers' Association  
Quinte Beekeepers' Association  
Rainy River Beekeepers' Association  
Southwestern Ontario Beekeepers' Association  
Sudbury & District Beekeepers' Association  
Thunder Bay Beekeepers' Association  
Toronto District Beekeeper's Association  
United County Beekeepers' Association  
Upper Ottawa Valley Beekeepers Association  
Wellington County Beekeepers' Association