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L.C.B.A. MISSION STATEMENT:  
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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Denzil St. Clair



Happy November to everyone.

The holidays are fast approaching, winter is near and our bees should be prepped for winter, right?

What a fast and busy year for everyone. Honey harvest was decent and all the new beekeepers seem to have made it through their first summer in good order.

Gary Standen has helped LCBA to get their first survey out via Google and so far it seems to be getting underway with out too many snags. No job in an organization is a small one.

November is when we need nominations for offices. Volunteer! Your Presidents position is

vacant, jump in! We are going to need suggestions for next year's calendar of events and speakers, so give us input.

Now in order for you to feel invigorated and motivated to do great things, I want you to get out your vitamix/blender and whip up this recipe.

It's called the Winter Immune Booster, or Halloween brew ,I'm not exactly sure, and yes it has HONEY in it:

WINTER IMMUNE BOOSTER

- 5 Cloves of Garlic
- ¼ Onion
- 1 inch piece of Ginger
- 2 Tbsp. Honey (or more if you want)
- ¼ tsp. Cayenne Pepper
- Juice of 2 Lemons

1 qt. water  
Put all the ingredients in your Vitamix for 5 minutes,

Makes 4 servings.  
Wow! An all-natural jump start.

IF THIS DOESN'T MAKE YOU WANT TO RUN FOR OFFICE I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL.....

So Stay Warm, Stay Happy and come to the November meeting and get reenergized for Spring, and just maybe I will bring my recipe and Vitamix with me.....Your

Humble Leader, Denzil

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## 2011 BUZZZZ CALENDAR

November 11 - Regular Meeting - Guest Speaker: Dr. Tammy Horn, "Beeconomy" Election nominations

November 26 - Newsletter Deadline

November 30 - Executive Meeting 7:00 P.M. Henrietta Twsp hall

December 9 - Regular meeting, Elections, Christmas Potluck

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**Note new e-mail address for president**

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For submissions to THE BUZZZZ....  
For the DECEMBER issue are due  
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 26.

**Items not received before that date will go in the next months issue.**

Please send all articles, ads, and/or notes to:

e-mail- [buzzzeditor@frontier.com](mailto:buzzzeditor@frontier.com)

Please **do not** include layout or extra characters, (bold, italics, indents, etc.) as they may be removed during editing process.

**All submissions are subject to approval.**

LCBA Executive Meeting is held the last Wednesday of every month unless holidays change the schedule.

The meetings are held at the Henrietta Township Hall on Vermilion Rd. in Oberlin at 7:00 p.m.

We encourage members to attend.

### LOCATION & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**LCBA meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 7:00 P.M.**

**The First Church**

(United Church of Christ)

**106 N. Main St. Oberlin, OH**

Membership dues are **\$25.00 if you receive by mail**, **\$20.00 per year if you receive by e-mail**. Those receiving by e-mail can pick up a hard copy at the meeting. Membership includes all immediate family members. Memberships run per calendar year, January to December. Membership expiration date is December 31st of each year for mail or e-mail. You can renew your membership on the web site [www.loraincountybeekeepers.com](http://www.loraincountybeekeepers.com) with Pay Pal or

**Send dues to the Treasurer:**

**Dave Williams**

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### EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you have moved or your e-mail changes, please notify Dave at a meeting or by e-mail, [dogpatch@centurytel.net](mailto:dogpatch@centurytel.net) You must keep information & membership dues current to receive your newsletter in a timely manner.

Check LCBA web site for meeting changes or cancellations due to bad weather.

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## NOVEMBER SPEAKER: Dr. TAMMY HORN AUTHOR OF *BEES IN AMERICA*

LCBA will welcome Dr. Tammy Horn at the November 11th meeting.

Dr. Tammy Horn graduated with a B.A. in English from Berea College in 1990 and finished a M.A. at Fort Hays State in 1992. In 1997, she completed her doctorate at the University of Alabama in 1997 in Twentieth Century Modernist Literature. This same year, she volunteered to

assist her grandfather in his apiaries, and the real education began. So, while teaching in English, General Studies, and Appalachian Studies departments in Alabama and Kentucky, she wrote *Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation* (University Press of KY 2005). In 2006-2007, Horn was named NEH Chair of Appalachian Studies at Berea College and started

a honey bee monitoring project on coal mine sites. In 2008, Horn joined the Environmental Research Institute at Eastern Kentucky University, developing new reforestation methods on coal mine sites and setting up Coal Country Beeworks. Her next book *Beeconomy: What Women and Bees Can teach us about Local Trade and Global Economies* will be published in 2011.

## EKU APICULTURIST'S NEW BOOK: "BEECONOMY – WHAT WOMEN AND BEES CAN TEACH US ABOUT LOCAL TRADE AND THE GLOBAL MARKET"

RICHMOND, Ky. – Honoring the example set years ago by her bee-keeping paternal grandmother in Appalachian Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University apiculturist Dr. Tammy Horn suggests in her newest book that beekeeping might once again be a path to economic self-sufficiency for women and families.

"Beeconomy: What Women and Bees Can Teach Us about Local Trade and the Global Market," published by University Press of Kentucky, examines the evolution of the relationship between women and bees around the world and explains why women should consider becoming beekeepers.

Horn said the book, due to hit store shelves in November, is especially timely given the worldwide economic downturn and because it "reminds people of what we have done in past generations to provide for our families. If something that comes out of the recession is more beekeepers, that's a good thing."

For example, the author cited how beekeeping "filled a niche" during wartime rationing in the 1940s. For many reasons, beekeeping began to wane in the post-war years but is now seeing a resurgence, in rural and urban settings alike. In many cases, women are leading the way, just as Horn's grandmother and other females did in previous generations.

"This is really *her* book," Horn said. "It's a way of trying to give shape to memories I don't have, and a way of honoring her. It's not unusual for women and bees to be connected in this region at all. It's a part of our sustainable culture and a

part of a barter economy."

As the director of Coal Country Beeworks, an apiforestation initiative of the Eastern Kentucky Environmental Research Institute at ECU, Horn is at the forefront of helping more Appalachian women see the possibilities in beekeeping. But to conduct research for this book, she also traveled to four other continents – Australia, South America, Africa and Europe – and in every corner of the globe witnessed "the creativity that women bring to the table" to help themselves and their families make fiscal ends meet.

"The recession is impacting women more than men," Horn said, noting that most job bills focus on the infrastructure, an employment sector dominated by males.

"Women make less than men, and beekeeping can be a way to supplement income," she added. "Women live longer than men, so they may need to supplement their income in some way. Also, women are still generally the primary caregivers to the very young and very old."

The women profiled in Horn's book suggest ways of managing careers, gender discrimination, motherhood, marriage and single-parenting, all while enjoying the community of women beekeepers, greater financial freedom and helping the environment.

Just as her newest book honors her paternal grandmother, Horn said her first book, "Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped A Nation," was more a tribute to her maternal grandfather, under whose tutelage she became a beekeeper.

Horn, a native of Harlan County in southeastern Kentucky, has gone on to become a nationally prominent expert and frequent speaker on beekeeping, especially as it relates to reclaiming surface mine sites with pollinator forage and habitat. Her work has been featured in the New York Times, and last year Horn received the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign's Pollinator Advocate Award for the U.S.

She already is at work on her third book, "Apiforestation: The Future of Beekeeping," which she says will complete a past-present-future trilogy on the subject of beekeeping.

Several book signing/discussion events are scheduled in November for "Beeconomy": Morris Book Shop, Lexington, Nov. 5, 2 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Nov. 16, 6 p.m.; and Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Lexington, Nov. 26, 2 p.m.

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File: Tammy Horn bio file, Eastern KY Environmental Research Institute

# LCBA Exec Minutes - September 28, 2011

Execs present: Valerie Weiss, Walter Seamon, Bill Vittori, John Schick

Members present: Bruce Sampsell, Jim Toole

Details were discussed on set up of tent and participation of Antique and Craft Show in Birmingham. Bill Vittori managing it.

Banquet always falls the Saturday following what would have been the Friday meeting night and it normally is the weekend following Craft Show. Regular meeting usually not held due to the banquet. Every few years the banquet falls on the third

Saturday. Banquet details were discussed. Chicken and Pulled Pork was settled on for the meats. Drinks and other details were finalized. Scarecrow contest and prizes and door prizes were voted on and passed by all.

Marty Buck was voted in as interim secretary through end of year at September regular meeting. Current secretary has not been available to attend meetings and fulfill secretarial duties since June. Walter Seamon was voted in also as interim trustee.

November nominations and ideas for

people to run for positions and positions open were discussed. Nominations take place and close in November. Positions available and their duties were listed in the October newsletter.

It was asked if other people can submit articles for newsletter. They definitely can and are encouraged to submit articles. Articles from new beekeepers are especially nice to have. Hearing of their experience and how things went are always enjoyed.

Submitted by: Valerie Weiss



Long time LCBA member Erwin Edward "Ed" Wolfram, 64, of Elyria, passed away Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at EMH Healthcare, Elyria. He was born in Elyria and grew up in Avon, before moving back to Elyria, where he spent most of his life.

Ed served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Ed worked as a supervisor for USG (formerly Don Products) in Westlake for over 30 years, retiring February 1, 2011. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elyria and the Lorain County Bee Keepers Association. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, fishing and beekeeping.

Survivors include his companion of many years, Verna Kravec; daughters,

Patricia Wolfram of Avon Lake, Sheryl (Kevin) Wacker of Spencer; sons, David Wolfram of Streetsboro, Edward (Jennifer) Wolfram of North Ridgeville; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Helen "Pat" Faren of Elyria, Marilyn Cooley of Greenwich, Joanne Wolfram of Avon; and brothers, James Wolfram of Amherst, Stephen Wolfram of Wakeman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Erwin and Helen Wolfram.



Buried in Birmingham!!! Birmingham was interesting again this year. A rainy weekend left it quite muddy for those setting up. This van became stuck after the woman didn't listen and went a different way to get out than what she was told. So they were using the jeep to pull her out and mud spun up onto her van and into Mulgrews food trailer. The jeep also became stuck and a tractor was used to pull the jeep and the tractor out. I was told it was quite a site. The tractor isn't showing in this picture sent to me. We visited on the last day and the ruts from people driving in it were quite deep. They spread straw to help with the mud.

## Greetings Fellow Beekeepers:

My name is Walter and I am in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of keeping bees and enjoy this hobby very much. The toughest part for me is their anger and stings. I am working diligently on my communication with the girls. I keep telling them we are a team, they just don't get it... ah, maybe next year.

We all have good and bad bee stories so I will save these for one of the meetings, always feel free to say "hey" and share yours.

What I want to share with you is my story of volunteering my time with the Association. Last year in the September meeting, I listened to our President's request for members who wish to run for the Executive Board.

I went home that evening and my wife and I talked it over, we looked at all the facts:

- ◆ my knowledge of what is required to be a board member – 0
- ◆ my knowledge of beekeeping itself – very little
- ◆ time to spare – 0

Well, based on all these facts, it did not look good. But as usual, my wife, Gayle, had the one fact I left out, you get such joy from your hobby and you receive a wealth of knowledge from the members at the meetings and the speakers, giving back usually is equally as rewarding.

Well, I talked to Dave & Denzil and ran for Trustee. So the November meeting came and the vote goes out and lo & behold, I loose. Well, I had told Dave that I would work hard to give a year of my time anyway and started

attending the Executive Board meetings to learn what actually makes the association tick.

This has been an informative and fun year, very little of my time was taken. The best time for me was the fair. I am 50 years old and it really felt like I was a kid going for the first time. But to see all those talented individuals put forth the time to make this happen, and to be part of this was great. Let me tell you, as I sat there at the board meeting thinking no way can they pull all this off.

In short, the word "dedication" comes to mind. I chose to dedicate some time and in return received so much more. So for those of you teetering on whether or not to find a small amount of spare time, please do, you will not regret it.

Submitted by: Walter Seamon



President Denzil modeled a hat that was in the auction. People were enjoying social time while waiting for dinner. There was a large attendance.



As always, there was a large variety of covered dishes and desserts for all to feast on. All delicious tasting. After dinner Bonnie Pierson told about her trip to this years Apimondia in Argentina, 8,0 00 beekeepers, 80 countries, 400 vendors <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1545051362382.48061.1717950055&l=28b790adf3&type=1> then it was on to the auction. Lots of items were available and some bidding wars went on for a few of them.



Some of the items up for auction were a beehive mailbox, a cow cookie jar, glass fish, stainless steel cup and thermos set, chicken & rooster, a hamster, foundation, clay pots, a box of home grown veggies and home caned items, Mead, wood & ceramic trivets, deep hives unassembled, bee shaped mud scaper for boots (who would want to mess it up with mud though?) an unusual clock/phone/lamp combination, and much more was on the table. As always it was an entertaining, fun a lot of laughs for all in attendance. On the next page Denzil models what some thought was a dress but it was a handcrafted apron.



Long time member Howard Heisler (left) was all smiles watching all that went on at the banquet/auction.

Right is Bill Vittori taking the beehive mailbox around for members to look at while bidding went on.



Account Balances - As of 10/24/2011

**Bank Accounts**

Lorain National Savings 23,396.87  
 New Lorain National Checking 6,476.28  
 TOTAL Bank Accounts 29,873.15

**Cash Accounts**

PayPal 19.26  
 Petty Cash Fund 91.60  
 TOTAL Cash Accounts 110.86

OVERALL TOTAL 29,984.01

Income/Expense by Category - YTD

Category Description 1/1/2011- 10/24/2011

**INCOME:**

Uncategorized 4.00  
 Auction 594.50  
 Class Books 225.00  
**Classes:**  
 Other Classes 1,350.00  
 TOTAL Classes 1,350.00  
 County Fair Display Win 100.00  
 Donations 1,186.60

**Membership:**

Email, '11 1,116.12  
 Email, '12 20.00  
 Post, '11 679.26  
 Post, '12 25.00  
 TOTAL Membership 1,840.38  
 Miscellaneous 121.90

**Raffles:**

50 50 Raffle 238.50  
 Other Raffles 696.00  
 TOTAL Raffles 934.50

**Sales:**

Birmingham Fair 624.00  
 Books 60.00  
 Cookbooks 60.00  
 County Fair 14,685.00  
 Sign 4.00  
 TOTAL Sales 15,433.00  
 Sales LCBA Honey 36.00  
**TOTAL INCOME 21,825.88**

**EXPENSES :**

Bad Check Return 5.00  
 County Fair Honey Sticks 1,915.50

**Events:**

Banquet 494.60  
 Birmingham Fair 19.80  
 County Fair 2,058.29

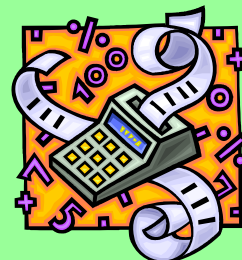
**Field Day:**

Other Events: Field Day 1,163.63  
 TOTAL Field Day 1,163.63  
 TOTAL Events 3,736.32

FICA 40.00  
 Food 270.78  
 Honey Sales 7,909.22  
 Honey Sales-Birmingham 339.00  
 Insurance 500.00  
 Meeting Hall 100.00  
 Memorial Contribution 75.00  
 Newsletter 1,796.39  
 Overpayment-return 50.00  
 PayPal Fees -0.28  
 Postage 140.80  
 Poster Sale 0.00  
 Prizes 250.00  
 Scholarship 447.55  
 Speakers 1,400.40  
 Supplies 438.93  
 Web Site 72.65  
**TOTAL EXPENSES 19,487.26**

**OVERALL TOTAL 2,338.62**

**Submitted by: Dave Williams**



## NOVEMBER POSITIONS FOR NOMINATIONS

Election nominations are coming up in November. If you have thought about a position on the executive committee, but not quite sure what the positions entail, I'm going to do my best to list them for you. You don't need experience. You've been to our meetings and seen how things run. All positions have always supported each other as a team and in the best interest of our organization. You are not left to do it all yourself. We all help each other and work together. So please consider running for a position.

**President:** Plan and lead meetings with the help of executive committee, plan fair and outside functions and activities, run executive meetings, suggest speakers for meetings, write presidents note to members for BUZZZZ newsletter

**Vice President:** Assist president in planning of meetings, fair and outside functions, lead meetings when president isn't available, write president's note when president isn't able to, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA

**Secretary:** Take meeting minutes at regular and executive meetings, handle necessary correspondence, mail notifications to potential beginner class sign ups, send out class notification to media, confirm speakers, other misc. duties, submit minutes to executives for approval, submit final minutes to BUZZZZ editor for newsletter, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA

**Treasurer:** Establish and maintain financial matters for the organization (writing checks for bills or other expenses and payables), present reports at executive meetings regarding Income and Expenses, submit report to BUZZZZ editor for newsletter, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA

**Trustee:** Assist all positions if needed and support, assist, and vote on matters regarding LCBA

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