

## **A REPORT TO THE OSBA BOARD JUNE 9, 2012**

### **SPECIALITY CROP GRANT**

The speciality crop grant that the Ohio State Beekeepers Association is a part of is currently being administered by the Ohio Produce Growers and Marketing Association (OPGMA). This group became the administrators on April 1, 2012 following the decision of Crossroads RC&D to cease operations and OPGMA making application to take over the grant.

One of the major changes from the original grant is that Dr James Tew was hired directly to develop educational videos and material to fulfill that portion of the grant still remaining.

I have been working with Jim on an almost weekly basis to develop those videos. We have approximately 23 of them set and ready to go. They are for the novice beekeeper and cover such topics as basic equipment, assembling equipment, installing a package, dealing with a laying worker, requeening, replacing equipment, etc. These videos are each five to eight minutes in length. There are also power point presentations geared more to the intermediate beekeeper and run twenty to thirty minutes in length.

There are a few more topics to cover and we anticipate having thirty to thirty-five videos plus the power points when this project is finished. Jim is currently in Alabama and is due back in Ohio on June 13. Following his return we will again begin production and within a couple of weeks hope to meet with Tim Arheit to present material for placement on the OSBA web site.

We have been in regular contact with OPGMA and they have seen clips of the material. They have been providing proper documentation to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

OPGMA is sponsoring a field day for its members on June 27 and I will have a display there (with Jim's assistance) promoting OSBA and the honeybees important role in pollination. The cost of the display setup and material is being covered by the grant.

There seems to be some concern about OSBA's financial obligation to this grant. OSBA did not make application for this grant. OSBA officers (Pres Bob Hooker) did approach Crossroads RC&D with an idea and they made the application to the Ohio Department of Agriculture for the USDA funds. OSBA and the Ohio State University were listed as contributing members of the project. OSU has dropped the project and Crossroads administration interest has been transferred to

OPGMA. OSBA in kind match portion of the grant has been met with volunteer hours of Bob Hooker, Ron Hoopes, Joe Kovaleski, and myself.

In return for those volunteer hours and hosting informational material on the OSBA website there was \$5000 set aside in the grant for OSBA to upgrade and maintain their web site. (I need to talk to Tim about this as there is still over \$4000 remaining.) OSBA was able to assist in hosting two queen workshops in the spring of 2011. OSBA will be able to promote honeybee pollination to growers at their field day. OSBA will have several videos and power point presentations to host on their web site for viewing and use by an unknown number of beekeeping clubs, beekeepers, and those thinking of beekeeping.

The end of June marks the end of a reporting quarter (the first since OPGMA took over) and I will have a better feel for the overall financial picture of the grant. We appear to be well within the various budget areas. However I will know better in a few weeks as this quarter's bills are tabulated. (I know there is an invoice somewhere from Wicwas Press to be paid, I've requested a copy from Larry Connor but have not received it as of yet. If anyone has received that please forward it on to me for payment)

#### **DON MYERS EASTERN OHIO APICULTURAL PROJECT GRANT**

This was a project undertaken in 2007 thru 2009 while Ron Hoopes was president of OSBA. He had approached Crossroads RC&D with an idea to find and train people in the Appalachia region of Ohio to be beekeepers. Funding was obtained through a number of agencies and organizations. Crossroads RC&D was the administrative agency.

I recently learned that in the shut down of Crossroads RC&D audits were done and there was still about \$1100 remaining in this program. Crossroads will be sending this money to OSBA, along with a letter of explanation, for use in beekeeper education to meet the intent of the project grant. That should be received within the next two weeks.

This concludes my report on current grants that OSBA is associated with.

John Grafton

	ORIGINAL GRANT PROPOSAL		SPENT/MET	REMAINING	NEW PROPOSAL	
	ALLOCATED	ALLOCATED			ALLOCATED	ALLOCATED
PERSONNEL	\$4,026			\$ 361.00		
CROSSROADS RC&D			\$ 3,665.00			
VOLUNTEER MATCH		\$ 3,456.00				
OPGMA	\$ -				\$ 5,192.00	
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 305.00			\$ 25.52		
CROSSROADS RC&D			\$ 279.48			
OPGMA	\$ -					
TRAVEL	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 266.00	\$ 1,534.00	\$ 1,800.00	
EQUIPMENT	\$ -					
RENTAL & LEASES	\$ -					
CONSTRUCTION	\$ -					
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$ 4,950.00			\$ 4,631.68	\$ 4,631.68	
Camera,lens, accessories						
OFFICE SUPPLIES			\$ 318.32			
Textbooks						
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 32,000.00			\$ 27,112.03		
OSU (bee lab & IT)						
OSBA WEB SITE			\$ 489.97		\$ 4,510.03	
Speakers			\$ 4,398.00			
OSU (match)		\$ 5,000.00				
ONETEWBEE	\$ -				\$ 15,000.00	
UTILITIES	\$ -					
PRINTING	\$ -					
OTHER	\$ 600.00			\$ 600.00		
Postage					\$ 100.00	
advertising (promotion)					\$ 1,500.00	
training registrations(match)		\$ 7,500.00		\$ 3,607.99		\$ 3,187.01
TOTALS	\$43,681	\$ 15,956.00	\$ 9,416.77	\$ 34,264.23	\$ 32,733.71	
PROJECT TOTALS	\$59,637		\$21,480.76			