
KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS

February 2013

Next Meeting: March 9, 2013

Saturday, March 9, 2013
10:00 a.m. to noon
Pillsbury Library - Warner

Meeting agenda

- ☞ **Presentation: Speaker TBD**
- ☞ **Raffle (please bring items)**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting on January 12th

President, Troy Hall called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. There were 25 members present. Troy asked for suggestions for speakers for the March and May meetings. Suggestions from members included Wendy Booth, Ben Chadwick, Erin MacGregor, Ross Conrad, Ray Carlson and Kirk Webster. Troy will work on getting speakers for upcoming meetings.

Secretary, Janet Eklund reported that the number of email newsletter subscriptions continues to increase. She is sending newsletters to 2012 members as well as 2013 members. She will stop sending to non-renewed members with the May newsletter.

Myra Gray gave the treasurer's report since Robin's voice was still recovering from his surgery. The balance in the checking account as of Dec. 31, 2012 is \$3,065.92. Bill McDonald moved to approve as presented. Seconded by Bruce McDonald. All ayes. Cynthia Hayes inquired if the club had

made a contribution to the Pillsbury Library for the use of its meeting room. Since this had not been done for 2012, the club will give the library \$200 for both 2012 and 2013. Vice-President Bob Naylor reported he had seen Randy Fleury's honey in a local grocery store. He would like to see a list prepared where club members sell their honey. Members can send their information to Bob at bnaylor@fastmail.us. Bob volunteered to compile the list for the club website. Troy mentioned that bee club members can advertise for sale items in the newsletter.

Dave Hartman presented the slate of officers from the nominating committee which consisted of Peter Zak, Gayle Bates and himself. The slate of officers for 2013 is: President: Troy Hall; Vice-President: Bob Naylor; Secretary: Janet Eklund; and Treasurer, Robin Gray. Troy Hall asked for other nominations of which there were none. Bill McDonald moved that the Secretary cast one vote for the officers as nominated. Peter Zak seconded. All ayes. Officers will be as nominated for the year 2013. Everyone expressed their appreciation to Mary Lloyd-Evans for her excellent service as treasurer for the past three years. Dave recommended that the nominating committee meet in September rather than December as it may be too late in the year for members to think about becoming officers in the next year. He suggested that members begin now to consider holding an office in 2014. Troy will bring the nominating committee together in September. Troy mentioned that KBA members also consider becoming an officer at the state level. Currently, all officers of the NH Beekeepers Association are stepping down.

The club's Bee School begins January 19th and will run every other Saturday until March 2nd. The cost is \$30 plus \$10 for the textbook. Robin Gray ordered 60 books. Instructors will be Bob Naylor on biology, Richard Brewster on equipment, Keith Cutting on honey management, Troy Hall on hive management and Ben Chadwick on beekeeping in general. Janet Eklund moved that the club purchase a starter hive of a package of bees together with a woodenware, including inner and outer covers, deep and medium 10 frame supers and the frames for a raffle at the bee school at a cost of approximately \$200, and that anyone attending Bee School on any of the

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Please pay your 2013 Membership Dues!

\$15.00 mailed to Robin Gray, Treasurer
P.O. Box 275
Warner, NH 03278

Musings from the Secretary....

We had the January thaw the week of our January meeting. Many reported their girls were flying, which was good news. Tom checked our 4 hives that week and found 3 hives with a good sized cluster of dead bees in the top box. We had left plenty of honey, or so we thought, but it appears they starved, even though there were still honey stores. Or it could have been that they weren't able to move to the honey when it was so bitter cold the weeks before. C'est la vie. We still have one strong hive. We're buying two packages. I know that a number of our members start NUCs during the summer and winter them over successfully so they don't have to keep buying packages. Maybe it's time for us to start doing this?

I received a very nice thank you note from the chair of the library trustees at the Pillsbury Library thanking the club for its \$200 contribution. She mentioned that the library would like to have a display on bees. I think this would be great. If a few folks want to take this on, please let me know so I can contact the library director to work out the details.

Tom and I stopped by Bee School on February 2nd. I am always impressed by our members who are so generous with their time and knowledge. The classroom was standing room only! Robin told me that 55 registered, 13 of which became members! Many people were walk-in registrations.

☞ Janet Eklund

2013 KBA Meeting Schedule

☞ **Saturday, March 9, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Pillsbury Public Library--Topic & Speaker TBD

☞ **Friday, May 10, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Pillsbury Public Library--Topic & Speaker TBD

☞ **Sunday, July 14th @ 1:00 p.m.**

Club picnic--Home of Al & Sally Carruth, Newport

☞ **Friday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.**

Pillsbury Public Library--Topic & Speaker TBD

☞ **Friday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m.**

Holiday potluck--East Andover Grange

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Saturdays could purchase one ticket for \$5.00 or three tickets for \$10.00. Karen Hambleton seconded. All ayes.

Mike Bellino, club webmaster, announced that he is using WordPress for the website at www.kbanh.org the membership gratefully recognized Mike for his 5 years as KBA webmaster.

Troy, John Chadwick and Randy Fleury volunteered their time at the state beekeeping association's exhibit booth at the Farm & Forest Expo being held in Manchester on February 9th and 10th. Mary Lloyd-Evans has a flyer on KBA that she will update that can be handed out.

The next NH Beekeepers Association meeting is March 16th at the Bow Community Center. Bill McDonald moved to purchase two queens from Troy Hall to contribute to the raffle at the meeting. Seconded by John Chadwick. All ayes. Mary Ann Frasier, a pesticide researcher, will be the speaker.

Troy moved to contribute \$200 to NHBA towards their insurance policy that also covers KBA. Peter Zak seconded. All ayes. Troy moved to contribute \$200 to the Pillsbury Public Library as a contribution for the years 2012 and 2013 for the use of their meeting room. Bill McDonald seconded. All ayes.

Randy volunteered to be a mentor to new beekeepers after Bee School. Those interested in being a mentor can email Troy who will compile a list. Mentors will be announced at the bee school.

Cynthia Hayes is working with Barbara Burns on the club t-shirt orders. Bill McDonald moved to close the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Randy seconded. ☞

Who sells bees and equipment in NH?

- ☞ Hillside Apiaries, Merrimack 429-0808
- ☞ B Line Apiaries, Alden Marshall, Hudson 883-6764
- ☞ Spring Fever Farm, Ben Chadwick, Alton 875-3544
- ☞ NH Honey Bee, Gilsum 354-8019
- ☞ Troy Hall, Plainfield 298-7209 (Northern queens)





Embroidered club logo

Back by popular demand--KBA embroidered shirt!

This time we go beyond t-shirts, so you can proudly sport the club logo in any season. Cynthia Hayes will have her shirts (and order forms) at the March 9 meeting, so you can get a good look at the logo in person. It shows up best on a medium to dark colored shirt. The deadline for ordering will be April 10 and delivery will be at the May 10 meeting. Have fun choosing!

If you have questions, please contact Barbara Burns. Barbara Burns/email: barbarabb@tds.net, phone: 927-4965.

There is wide variety of garment choices and colors. The catalog and order form are included in the emailed newsletter.

Happy choosing! ☺

Association Bylaws

Dave Harman emailed me a copy of the club by-laws and asked me to pass them along to the members in the newsletter. I agree it is important for members to have a copy so they know the club's objectives and organizational structure. The by-laws are attached to the email February newsletter. I will bring paper copies to the March 9th meeting for the taking. The By-laws were updated in March 2010. ☺



Bee School Students

Kearsarge Middle School

A Real Night of the Living Dead Tale

-- excerpted from the Weekly Market Bulletin (Jan. 16, 2013)

(Thanks to Richard Brewster for the article)

We recently discovered that the Zombie Fly *Apocephalus borealis* parasitizes and kills honey bees. Parasitized honey bees become "ZomBees" that are attracted to nearby lights where they become disoriented, stranded and later die. Understanding what's going on in the case of "ZomBees" could help in understanding what causes CCD. Like all flies and other insects, Zombie Flies undergo complete metamorphosis as they mature. The egg of the parasite begins inside the bee and larvae feed within the live honey bee. After the larvae grow for a number of days, an infected honey bee abandons its hive during the night and dies away from the hive. Once the larvae finish eating the insides of the now dead bee, they exit the bee and form pupae away from the bee. As many as 15 pupae may come out of a single honey bee. In two to four weeks the pupae hatch into adult flies beginning the cycle again.

--Northeastern IPM

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