

# KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS

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## Message from your newsletter editor:

This issue is in a slightly different format from those of the past year. I just wanted to keep everyone informed of what is going on...and not going on...prior to our next regular meeting which will be April 11. There are plenty of opportunities to be involved with KBA and NHBA activities in the meantime. The next newsletter will be published around the 1<sup>st</sup> of April (no fooling), so please send me your interesting articles, suggestions, tips, recipes, and reports.

Please pay your KBA dues if you haven't already. You may want to clip and save the KBA Information Page at the end of the newsletter as it won't appear in each issue.

Hope your bees are wintering over just fine. We sure could use a February thaw, though, couldn't we?

Stay warm and safe,  
*Barbara*

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## CALENDAR FEB, MAR, APRIL 2015

- Feb. 7 & 8** NH Farm & Forest Expo
- Feb. 14** 1<sup>st</sup> KBA Bee School Session  
NO Regular KBA Meeting
- Feb. 21** 2<sup>nd</sup> KBA Bee School Session
- Mar. 7** 3<sup>rd</sup> KBA Bee School Session
- Mar. 11** Deadline to register for meal at  
NHBA Spring Meeting
- Mar. 14** No Regular KBA Meeting
- Mar. 21\*** 4<sup>th</sup> KBA Bee School Session
- Mar. 21** NH Beekeepers Assn. Spring  
Meeting
- Apr. 11** KBA Regular Meeting at  
Pillsbury Library, Warner  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Program TBA

\*subject to rescheduling



## Reminders:

- Order package bees, nucs, and queens a.s.a.p. (see pg. 3)
- Pay your KBA dues for 2015

## **Kearsarge Beekeepers Minutes, January 10, 2015 Pillsbury Library, Warner, NH**

Meeting started at 9:05 am. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes from Sept 2014, minutes accepted.

Treasurers report; Beginning of year 3972.42, End of year 3894.93, Loss of 77.49. Motion made, seconded and accepted for treasurer's report. Reminder that membership dues are due in January, 20.00 per family.

New Member, Michael Mchugh from Bradford introduced himself and wants to start beekeeping.

Martin Marklin listed upcoming events,

Michael Palmer is speaking at Spring meeting of NHBA in Bow on March 21(this is a conflict with bee school so we will try to move the school date to the 14<sup>th</sup>)

Summer NHBA meeting at Musterfield on June 27

Fall NHBA Meeting on Oct 24th, we are hosting this meeting so we have to find a venue. Suggested sites were Camp Methodios in Contoocook, Common Man in Claremont and the old middle school in New London. Bow is also an option No decisions were made on venue.

Bee suppliers have posted their pick up dates for packages on line, go to [mvbee.org/links-2/](http://mvbee.org/links-2/) for links to their sites.

Bee School

--- We are in need of an instructor for the third week, Maladies, Pest and Parasites and Bears, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

--- Raffle of a hive at the bee school. Kevin Sargent offered to donate a complete hive, less frames and foundation for the raffle. Thank you Kevin!!

Elections --- All Officers except Kim will be remaining in their positions, no secretary has stood for the position yet. Within minutes of the vote for officers Troy Hall volunteered and was elected as recording secretary. Thank you Troy!

Farm and Forest Kevin and Cecile Lefebvre are overseeing the NHBA booth at the Farm and Forest Expo on February 6 & 7. Contact them at 494-7510 to volunteer to manage the booth on those 2 days. It is great fun to volunteer.

"In the Hive" with Troy Hall---Troy gave us some tips for this time of year. He talked of seeing "spotting" or dysentery staining on the hive. Not much can be done at this time of year but the bees can be fed. Don't feed syrup this time of year, use fondant or sugar. You can also move frames of honey closer to the cluster. Don't disrupt the cluster this time of year. Order bees NOW, don't wait!

Short Break

Speakers--Dave and Dorinda Priebe, Master Beekeepers from Raymond, NH talked to the club about keeping bees, bee biology and the importance of educating ourselves about bees. They also talked about Eastern Apicultural Society and the EAS Master Beekeeper program and their journey of becoming Master Beekeepers. Dorinda encouraged us to keep notes and to read them. Understanding what we did and how it worked out.

A donation by the club was made to the EAS Youth Program for Master Beekeepers on Dave and Dorinda's behalf. When they present they don't take anything but they donate it to EAS. Very nice!

More Business

Because of changes in the bee school schedule and the NHBA schedule we decided that we skip the next two meetings and resume our regular meeting in April.

Meeting Adjourned 11:15 ish

Recorded by John Chadwick, Vice President

# New Hampshire's Greatest Winter Fair!

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual NH Farm & Forest Expo

## *Meet The Faces of Agriculture & Forestry in New Hampshire!*

**Friday, February 6, 2015 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 7, 2015 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Radisson Hotel 700 Elm Street Manchester, NH

At "New Hampshire's Greatest Winter Fair", there is **always** something for everyone! Industry Trade Show with Nearly 100 Exhibitors, Free Educational Workshops Open to the Public, Unique NH Made Products, Kidzone for the Kids, Fuzzy and Furry Animals, Lots of Networking and Much More!

**TO VOLUNTEER AT THE NH BEEKEEPERS ASSN.'S EXPANDED BOOTH CONTACT:**

**CECILE LEFEBVRE AT [cjrb@aol.com](mailto:cjrb@aol.com)**

**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!! IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE.**

**FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, REALLY!**



**NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER YOUR  
PACKAGE BEES, NUCS, AND QUEENS FOR THE SPRING**

**NEED MORE INFORMATION???**

**GO TO: [mvbee.org/links-2](http://mvbee.org/links-2) to connect with the websites of NH suppliers  
OR**

**See the KBA Info Sheet at the end of this newsletter for phone #s.  
If you need advice, why not call one of the friendly mentors also on that list?**

Club member Richard Brewster of Andover picks up members' package orders from B-line Apiaries first shipment, but you must make prior arrangement by calling him at 735-5457

# KBA BEE SCHOOL

1 – 4 p.m. on Feb. 14, 21, March 7 & 21

Meeting at the Kearsarge Middle School, Gile Pond Road, North Sutton

The committee members have secured all the instructors and are finishing up all the arrangements for the classes. Please call John Chadwick (927-4127) or Bill MacDonald (863-4012) if you are available to help out. **Volunteers are definitely needed to provide refreshments for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> sessions. There will be a great raffle going on; a complete hive set-up (not including bees) has been donated as well as a \$50 gift certificate from Hillside Beekeeping Supply.** Members are welcome to drop in at school to see what's happening, buy a raffle ticket, drop off cookies, visit the KBA library, etc.

There are still spaces available for more students, so please continue to spread the word about Bee School. Here's a registration form to pass along:

## Form for the 2015 KBA Bee School

Dates: February 14 & 21, March 7 & 21, 2015  
Time: 1-4 pm  
Location: Kearsarge Regional Middle School, Gile Pond Road, No. Sutton, NH  
Cost per Family: \$50.00 includes the book "Beekeeping Basics" by Penn State

Name/Names:

Address:

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Phone Number:

Number of family members that will be attending with the registrant:

Where did you hear about the Bee School?

Email:

Fees: Classes and book \$50.00

Make checks payable to: KBA

Send to: Bill MacDonald  
281 Blueberry Ridge Rd Newport, NH  
03773  
Ph. 603 863-4012

**NHBA SPRING MEETING**

**MARCH 21, 9-3**

**BOW COMMUNITY CENTER**

This promises to be another outstanding meeting. The highlights are:

**Speaker: Mike Palmer** (topics TBD)

Speaker: Susan Brouillette – Beekeeping in Slovenia

Huge Annual Raffle - Several Vendors

Delicious lunch by CC Tomatoes

**You must be a NHBA member to attend.**

**NH BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION FORM  
MARCH 21, 2015  
9AM TO 3PM**

Pre-registration required for meal.

Deadline for meal registration: 3/11/15

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box\_\_\_\_\_

Town\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

# Attending - meal @ \$20 each\_\_\_\_\_ #Attending no meal @ \$10 each\_\_\_\_\_

Not a paid-up member for 2015? Please include your membership form and fee—see membership details at [www.NHBeekeepers.org](http://www.NHBeekeepers.org)

2015 Membership: Individual \$15\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$20\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to: NHBA

Mail to: Heather Achilles  
PO Box 250  
Gilmanton, NH 03237

**KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check:  New or  Renewal

Check one:

I would like to receive my newsletter by downloading it from the club website \_\_\_\_\_  
(Saves \$ for the club) [www.kbanh.org](http://www.kbanh.org)

**OR**

Please send a printed newsletter to my mailing address above \_\_\_\_\_

**2015 DUES ARE \$20.00**

Please make checks payable to: **KBA**

**MAIL TO: Robin Gray**

**PO Box 275**

**Warner, NH 03278**

