

KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS

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NEXT MEETING

SAT., FEB. 13, 2016
9-11 A.M.
PILLSBURY LIBRARY
WARNER, NH

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Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Review and approve last month's meeting minutes
3. Reports from Officers
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Vice- President
 - d. President
4. Let's get acquainted
 - a. New Members
 - b. Introduce ourselves quickly
 - c. Mentors identify yourselves
5. In the hive with Troy Hall
6. Old business?
7. New Business
 - a. Meeting schedule
 - b. Oct. meeting ideas.
 - c. Bylaw change? Newsletter Editor position
 - d. Possible speakers, Suzanne Brouillette, Slovenian Hives, Ben Chadwick

Break
8. Guest speaker: Rick Reault from NE Bees. Rick will be discussing Nucs, Packages, and Installs.
9. Adjourn

Presidents Message

I'd like to say hello all and welcome to our club members. I am your newly elected president and I am anticipating that this position will provide a great opportunity for me to grow as a beekeeper and also as a bee ambassador. I have been a club member since 2011 when I joined and also attended the bee school that year. I have met many wonderful and unique members since then that I would never have met had it not been for the club.

I would like to thank Martin, Troy and the many others that came before me that started, grew and nurtured this club. I hope that under my term that the club will continue to prosper and be a help and inspiration for all of our members, especially those that don't know they have bees in their future.

So what may be ahead for us?

- I would like to have speakers that are doing something with bees that the club will find helpful and interesting.
- Have some hands on activities on topics such as hive inspections, finding eggs, finding the queen, installing packages, queen rearing, nuc making and which end of the smoker to light.
- Discuss forming a permanent Bee School Committee and possibly have our school every year.
- Expand and develop our mentor program

- Social gatherings such as our summer cookout and fall harvest dinner.
- And hopefully many more activities for the members.

These ideas all sound like they are achievable for the club if that is what we would like to see happen. (Many of these are just our past events and current practices) You may have noticed that I started this list by using “may be ahead for us”. What we do as a club is up to you, our members. If you have a thought or idea that you think might be good for us to try please come to our meetings and bring your idea up for discussion.

There are no guarantees that other members will embrace the idea but you never know. We beekeepers are a unique sort of folk!

So let’s have some fun and raise some bees and make some honey. But let’s not forget the purpose of the club is to “Encourage the study and advancement of apiculture in our region” and to “promote fraternity among members and beekeepers everywhere.”

Bee well,
John Chadwick



Kearsarge Beekeepers’ Association Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 9, 2016 Warner Library

Marty Marklin opened his last meeting as the current President and thanked officers that are willing to serve again and those that are stepping down. The membership thanked Marty for his year of service. He plans to remain active with the club and will continue as the NH delegate to the EAS. The 2016 EAS will be in New Jersey this year. Troy Hall is stepping down as Secretary. Marty also introduced Martina, our new librarian. A motion was put forward and approved to spend up to 200 dollars for new materials for the library. Also, a motion was brought forward and passed to give 200 dollars to the NH Beekeepers’ Assn. for our annual insurance. The 100 dollar fee that KBA gave to Dave and Dorinda Priebe for their presentation was generously donated by them to the Masters Beekeeping Youth Fund sponsored by Mann Lake. Thank you Dave

and Dorinda! David Hartman gave a presentation on the Bylaws of the Kearsarge Beekeeper’s Assn. and handed out copies of the Bylaws. The Kearsarge Beekeepers’ Assn. is an affiliate of the NH Beekeepers’ Assn. and as such is not required to be registered with the State of New Hampshire. David then presented the new slate of club officers for 2016:

President: John Chadwick

Vice President: Bill MacDonald

Treasurer: Robin Gray

Secretary: Kim Tuttle

New officers voted in by the membership for 2016.
Thanks for serving!

Kudos were also given to Mike Bellino, Webmaster and Barbara Burns, Newsletter Editor for all their excellent work. We discussed that if we do decide to amend some of the Chapter Bylaws; it would be a good idea to allow the newsletter editor to also serve as a member of the Executive Committee as it is a split position with the Secretary in this club.

The NH State Beekeepers’ 2016 Spring Meeting will take place March 19 from 9-3 at the Community Center in Bow. Featured speakers will be **Doug McRory**, Owner of Doug’s Bees (<http://dougsbees.com/about.html>) Provincial Apiarist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (1985-2009) *Topic: Honeybee Health and IPM* and **Don Kierstad**, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) *Topic: Wild Pollinator Habitat*. Don’t forget about the Big Spring Raffle!

Our next Chapter meeting: Saturday, February 13 at the Warner Library featuring Rick Rheault of N.E. Bees, the home of **New England Beekeeping Supplies, Inc.** and **Carlisle Honey** <http://www.nebees.com/>

Rick will be discussing Nucs, Packages, and Installs. Not to be missed!

Submitted by Kim Tuttle, Secretary

NHBA 2016 spring meeting

Registration is open for the Spring meeting on 3/19/16. Registration forms can be found on the NHBA website. You will also need to pay your NHBA dues for 2016

Location:

Bow Community Center, 3 Bow Center Road, Bow, NH

Speakers:

Doug McRory, Owner of Doug's Bees (<http://dougbees.com/about.html>)
Provincial Apiarist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (1985-2009)

Topic: Honeybee Health and IPM

Andrew Timmins, Bear Project Leader, NH Fish & Game

David Kennard, Wellscroft Fencing

Topic: Bears, Bees & Fencing Solutions

Annual Raffle

Please bring a morning snack to share

Pre-registration required for meal.

Deadline for meal registration: 3/9/16

More Announcements from NHBA:

1. Beekeeper of the year nominations are now open.

details are at: [NHBA beekeeper of the year award](#)

mail nominations to any of the following:

Allen Lindahl (allen@hillsidebees.com)

Barbara Lawler

(BEELADY@blawlergroup.com)

Alden Marshal (b-line@comcast.net)

2. NHBA Executive Board nominations are also open:

Nominations are being accepted for all positions (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer).

Two of our current board members (Barbara Lawler, president and Cecile Lefebvre, secretary) will not be seeking re-election.

If you are interested in any of the positions or have questions, please contact Matt Russell (mbrussell32@comcast.net)

3. NHBA is offering a \$500 scholarship to graduating high school seniors and post-secondary students who are continuing in a post-secondary school studying agricultural, biology, and/or a honey bee related field.

Applications are due **May 1**; The award recipient will be announced in June at our summer (Musterfield) workshop.

KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

2016 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

OR

Please send a printed newsletter to my mailing address above _____

2016 DUES ARE \$20.00

Please make checks payable to: **KBA**

MAIL TO: Robin Gray

PO Box 275

Warner, NH 03278

KBA MENTORS

The following club members have graciously volunteered to be mentors to our new beekeepers. They are also available to share their experiences and knowledge with other members who have questions or need advice.

Richard Brewster, Andover, 735-5457
Alan Carruth, Newport, 863-7064
John Chadwick, Sutton Mills, 927-4327
Tom Dickson, Andover, 340-3029
Randy Fleury, South Sutton, 927-4144
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*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
*Kevin Sargent, Newport 843-5927

CLUB EXTRACTOR

KBA owns a 3-frame tangential extractor, great for small batches. It is available to any and all KBA members. Please contact Dave Hartman at 456-3881 to arrange to borrow it. Of course, it needs to be cleaned before it is returned!

If you missed the Jan. 9 meeting, you may also have missed this information distributed by Richard Brewster at that time. Richard provides, free of charge, a great pick-up service for bee packages ordered through B-line Apiaries in Hudson, NH. Here's what you need to know in his own words:

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I will be picking up packages of bees this spring from B-Line in Hudson, NH.

The possible dates are May 3rd and 4th.

It is a good idea to order this month (that was January, but just call very soon).

Call 883-6764 (B-line) Prices: 3# w/Ital. queen \$103; 3# w/Carniolan queen \$113. Queen marking \$2

- 1.) Place order. Call 883-6764*
- 2.) Send a check in full to B-line, 5 Burton Street, Hudson, NH 03051*
- 3.) Immediately call me (Richard) at 735-5457 and let me know what you ordered*

I will notify you before I go down and let you know which day it will be. The bees will be here in Andover at my place from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. that day.

*Richard Brewster 735-5457
17 Cilleyville Rd.
Andover, NH 03216
3rd house on left across the tracks from the old Train
Station in Potter Place*

Visit the National Honey Board website for more great recipes like this one.

Grilled Chicken Satay with Honey Peanut Sauce

from the National Honey Board



Ingredients

For chicken satay skewers:

- 1.5 lbs. - boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into long strips (about 1 oz. each)
- 24 - skewers, soaked in water if wooden

Marinade:

- 2 tablespoons - olive oil
- 2 tablespoons - reduced sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons - honey
- 1 teaspoon - salt
- 1 teaspoon - pepper (continued)

Honey Peanut Sauce:

1/2 cup - crunchy peanut butter

1/3 cup - water

1/2 cup - honey

1/3 cup - soy sauce

1/3 cup - rice wine vinegar

2 cloves - garlic, minced

2 teaspoons - sesame oil

2 teaspoons - red pepper flakes

2 tablespoons - red chili sauce

Fresh limes for serving

Directions

Mix the olive oil, soy sauce, honey and salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Cut the chicken into strips and toss in the marinade.

Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Whisk together all the ingredients for the Honey Peanut Sauce and set aside at room temperature to let the flavors meld.

Preheat the grill to medium high and thread the chicken strips onto the skewers.

Grill the chicken satay skewers for 3-4 minutes per side or until cooked through.

Remove from heat and serve warm or room temp along with Honey Peanut Sauce and fresh limes.

Tip: You can cut the chicken and prepare that marinade and sauce up to 2 days ahead for party prep.

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