

KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS

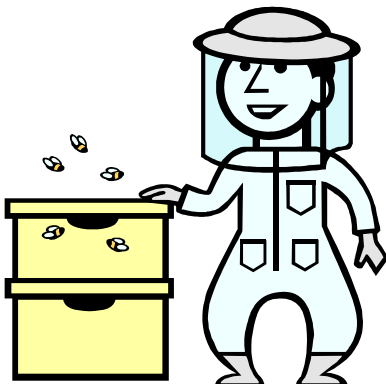
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NEXT MEETING:

**SAT., JANUARY 14, 2017
9-11 A.M.
PILLSBURY LIBRARY
MAIN ST., WARNER NH**

Agenda: Reports, election of officers, 2017 meeting schedule, 2017 KBA Bee School, Farm and Forest Expo., Other business.



President's Message:

Hello and Happy New Year to KBA Members,

I hope that this finds you all snug, comfy and contemplating next season's bees. I know that my honey bee interests wain at the end of the year. Then it picks up about now and I start to get excited and enthusiastic about the coming year's bees.

How many packages or nucs should I order? What kind of bees and from what location should any

packages come from? Are my colonies going to survive the winter? Do I need more supers? Should I consider another bee yard? Will I find any feral bees? Am I still having fun?

The only question that I can answer with 100% certainty is the last one. Since 2010 when my interest was stirred by finding tons of honey bees in some sumac near our garden, I have been increasingly interested and I am having FUN!

We are having our first meeting of the year on the 14th and there will be plenty for us to discuss. We have the election of officers to do, Bee School preparations, Farm and Forest, our meeting calendar, speakers for the year, starting a club apiary and whatever else comes up by then.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting and hearing what you have planned for the upcoming year.

See you on the 14th and until then,

Bee well,

John Chadwick



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(These minutes were printed in the Oct/Nov/Dec. 2016 newsletter, but have not yet been acted upon.)

Kearsarge Beekeepers' Association Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 10, 2016 Warner Library

Thanks Deb Dunlop for taking notes on Ben Chadwick's talk today. President John Chadwick opened the meeting and a couple of changes were made to last month's minutes including American foulbrood was confirmed in John's top bar hive at Musterfied Farm. Also, a vote on the club's insurance contribution to the NHBA was not taken in August, only discussed. John also reported on Dr. Tom Seeley's recent demonstration on beelining. The NH State Beekeeper's Assn. will raise their scholarships from \$500 to \$1000. American foulbrood is in our area and you should be able to smell it immediately. Mike Bayko, our well-known honey judge, reported that there were 27 honey entries at a recent fair he judged, although some were not that good. I had the only honey entry at the Hopkinton Fair this year- come on, I need some competition!

George Hamilton, UNH Cooperative Extension, reported that the water table has been dropping the last couple of years due to the continuing drought so dryer ground may be freezing deeper explaining the lack of small hive beetle this year. Use old crock pots to melt wax and apply with a foam rubber brush to rejuvenate old plastic brood and drone frames. November we will be having our annual fall pot luck at the North Sutton Church on Friday November 11. Barbara Burns and Katie will each cook a turkey – yum and thank you! Linda Hartman, KBA member extraordinaire, will take the RSVPs for this one and figure out what we'll need. Bring raffle items. Our next regular meeting will be in January. Dave Hartman will again organize or be the nominating committee for next year's officers! Please contact him if you are interested in serving. I will be giving up my secretary position so there's one opening at least-

Ben Chadwick, former state bee inspector and commercial beekeeper will speak today on honey extracting and general bee topics. European foulbrood

is present in the Northeast from Pa. to Maine. Some is resistant to antibiotic treatment. You will see brown goop, there is no fishy odor as with American foulbrood. Frames are still cheap- burn them if you have this disease.

Submitted by Kim Tuttle, Secretary.



KBA'S FACEBOOK COORDINATOR, WHO IS PREPARING OUR DISPLAY ON THE NHBA PICTURE BOARD, HAS A REQUEST!

"The KBA is looking for pictures to decorate our banner at the 2017 Farm and Forest Expo. Please email your digital pictures of bees, hives or club events to: katytoomey@gmail.com You can also submit photos via the Facebook group: KBA-NH. Deadline is January 20th 2017."

Thank you,
Katy



A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARIAN:

" Please check your bookshelves for KBA library books/DVDs. Several books/DVDs were taken out at our April and June meetings which have not been returned. Please return the items at our next KBA meeting or you can drop them off at the Warner Library and Linda Hartman will make sure they get back to KBA. Thank you so much and have a blessed New Year."
Martina Daley

Note received from our **Webmaster, Mike Bellino:**

Hi Barbara,

I have a neighbor in Bradford who would love for someone to keep some bees in her orchard. This is a wonderful location for bees to be. I'd do it myself, but I have too many activities already.

Could you please put a brief mention in the KBA Newsletters?

Her name is Laurie Buchar and her e-mail is: lbuchar@gmail.com her phone # is 938-5372

Please let me know. Thanks!

Cheers,
Mike



T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, POLOS...

You've been asking: "Can I get one of those cool KBA shirts with the neat BEE LOGO for myself?" The answer is "YES". Cynthia Hayes and I will organize another order very soon. The minimum order is quite low and we can get a mixture of items. Last time (in 2013) we offered 5 different shirt and sweatshirt styles with many, many color options. We can also consider caps, totebags, and other items. Please let me know your desires. The time to order will be shortly after bee school ends so we can include our new members. More information next month.

Barbara Burns

Book Review: "Dr. Jamoke's Little Book of Hitherto Uncompiled Facts and Curiosities Regarding Bees" by Hezekiah Jamoke.

I received an email on Dec. 14, 2016 from Glenn Cheney, Managing Editor of the New London Librarium of Hanover, CT promoting this new book as "a great little Christmas present for anyone with any interest in bees". I'm sure Mr. Cheney gleaned as many email addresses as possible from bee club websites all over the internet and asked all of us to help promote this book by his friend, acquaintance or client, Dr. Jamoke.....who, it turns out, is Mr. Cheney himself. According to the About the Author page of the book, he has written books on "nuns, Lincoln, Brazil, Chernobyl, Central America, drug addiction, The Pilgrims, and several other topics as well as a smattering of fiction, poetry, translations, and essays." He readily admits to being a "jamoke of all trades;" I guess so!

In describing his book, Dr. Jamoke/Mr. Cheney says, "The book walks a fine line between facts that beekeepers don't know yet would be of interest to people who know little about bees." Huh??

There are several chapters of odd tidbits of information on bees, beekeeping, and honey presented in a random way in the chapters entitled: Gods, Goddesses, Nymphs, Saints, & Suspicious; History, Health, Beekeeping, and Frequently Asked Questions. The practical stuff comes between pages 101 and 109 in the chapters on Installing Honeybee Packages and Information, Equipment, Supplies, Bees.

Needless to say, I would not recommend spending the list price of \$9.95 or the Amazon Price of \$7.00 for this book. There are some "fun facts" to be gleaned, but nothing of use to real beekeepers. Total read time would be about 20 minutes. Hopefully not too many of us got caught in this holiday trap.

Barbara Burns, Newsletter Ed.

Does anyone have pictures from the dinner or results of our first honey-tasting contest which took place at our Harvest Dinner on 11/11/16? If so, please send to me @ bbbsews@gmail.com. Thanks,
Barbara B.

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