## **KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS**

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**OCTOBER 2019** 

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

SAT., OCTOBER 12, 2019
9:00 A.M.
NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL
245 N.MAIN STREET
NEWPORT, NH
SPEAKER: ANDREW MUNKRES
OF LEMON FAIR HONEYWORKS
CORNWALL, VERMONT

Meeting agenda will include: Reports of officers and committees, approval of June and September minutes, discussion of upcoming events such as the Harvest Dinner and Bee School, and more.

The topic of Andrew's presentation has not been revealed, but you can be sure it will be a packed with information. Beekeepers of all levels of experience won't be disappointed.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

NHBA Fall meeting......October 19
9-3, at Manchester Community College
KBA Harvest Dinner.....November 8
5:30 wine & cheese, 6 pm. dinner at First Free
Will Baptist Church, Rt. 114, North Sutton
KBA November meeting......Nov. 9
9 a.m. at Newport High School, speaker Kirk
Webster. Meeting will be recorded.

### Honey Bee Friendly Flower: Japanese Knotweed

September 11, 2013 by Phillip

Although it's an invasive plant, Japanese Knotweed — *Fallopia japonica* — provides a hit of pollen and nectar for the honey bees well into the fall season.



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Minutes of the Kearsarge Beekeepers Assn. Saturday, September 14. 2019 Warner Town Hall

Meeting was called to order by Shane Howard, President.

#### Officers Reports:

Secretary, Deb Dunlop and Treasurer, Robin Gray were both absent

Vice President, Brian Jasinski will make his reports later in the meeting as part of Apiary and Bee Committees.

Shane had nothing to report as he was unable to attend the last NHBA meeting

#### **Committee Reports**

- NHBA update. Kim Pease made the report as she attended the last meeting in Shane's place.
  - Kim told NHBA board that KBA would be having Kirk Webster as our speaker in November
  - NHBA is looking for a donation by clubs for insurance
    - John Chadwick moved to send NHBA \$100 toward insurance coverage for one year. Motion was seconded and carried.
  - National Honey Board report is out.
  - Bev Chadwick (Ben's wife) has died. NHBA is starting a scholarship in her memory.
     KBA consensus was to make a contribution to this fund after it is fully set up. Also, we should send a card to Ben.

- NHBA has a Research
   Committee. Colby-Sawyer
   College students involved in bee research will attend the NHBA fall meeting
- Heather Achilles' article on hive losses will be published in American Bee Journal. Heather says to continually test for mites.
- Reminder to sign up for NHBA fall meeting 10/19. There will be speakers, vendors, honey contest, etc.
- NHBA is looking for a newsletter editor
- Role of State Bee Inspector.
   Clubs need to write to
   Commissioner of Agriculture,
   Shawn Jasper, to let him know
   what we think his/her role
   should be. There was a
   suggestion that we should first
   take a look at what Vermont's
   inspector has for duties.
   Amelia Lantz volunteered to
   draft KBA's letter.
- Apiary Committee. Brian Jasinski reported that some of the hives are OK, but some are weak and should be combined. There was a good turnout of members 9/7 at the apiary, but less in August. Mite treatment still needs to be done. More discussions to come.
- Bee School Committee. Brian Jasinski reported that last year's teachers have been contacted by Kevin Sargent. Others are welcome to volunteer to teach, speak, set-up, and

do many other tasks. They should email Kevin at <a href="mailto:sweetmapletrees@gmail.com">sweetmapletrees@gmail.com</a>. Bee school will be in Jan/Feb; dates not yet set. It will be at Newport HS. Paid up members may sit in.

• Hospitality Committee: No report.

#### Unfinished business:

- Tee shirts/hats/decals. Tabled. Dana Ramspott not present
- NHBA Research Fund donation.
   Shane Howard, Pres. reviewed what was done in the past. Motion was made by Kathy Ordway to donate \$500.

APIMONDIA Recap by Troy Hall. Troy attended this worldwide beekeeping congress recently in Montreal. There were various symposiums on beekeeping such as: Beekeeping in Canada, queen rearing, bee biology, research on pesticides (especially "neo-nics"). The main theme of the conference was beekeeping with agriculture. Troy shared a few of his experiences. He was pleased to report that bees' resistance to mites is building.

#### New business.

Nominating Committee is now working to get candidates.
 Posts to be elected are:
 President, Vice President,
 Treasurer, Recording Secretary,
 and Newsletter Secretary.
 Those interested in being considered or suggesting a candidate should contact:

- Dave Hartman 456-3991 or John Chadwick 927-4327.
- Fall Supper. It will be Friday,
  November 8, which is the night
  before the November meeting.
  November speaker, Kirk
  Webster, will likely join us at
  dinner. Barbara Burns
  volunteered to secure the
  North Sutton Church for the
  event (done). It was suggested
  that we have 2 turkeys and one
  ham this year. There will be a
  raffle. Honey contest? The
  Hospitality Committee will
  make further arrangements.
- Next meeting will be October
   12. Andrew Munkres will be the speaker. Meeting will be held at Newport High School due to the Fall Foliage Festival being held in Warner.

#### Other brief discussions:

- Today (9/14) Newburyport Mass.
   Film on pollinators.
- 9/21 "Save the Bees" 5K race in Nottingham.
- EEE outbreak in Mass. Has prompted aerial spraying. Mowing and spraying by different towns was discussed. Registered hives would/should be notified of any spraying. Register your hives. Take measures to protect hives during spraying (cover). Talk to farmers in your town/area.

Meeting adjourned 11:20 a.m.

Recorded by Barbara Burns

**Beverly-Jean Chadwick**, 77, passed away on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at Concord Hospital. Beverly was born in Concord, NH on March 02, 1942, the daughter of Robert and Frances (Ash) Clough. She graduated Concord High School with the class of 1960.

Beverly was recognized for her long, blonde braid. She enjoyed beekeeping and going to bee meetings with her husband, Benjamin Chadwick, and travelling the world with him. She also had a sales booth at different craft, Christmas, and agricultural fairs selling her hand creams, lip balm, and honey. Before beekeeping, she worked in the mailroom at Chubb Life for several years.

She loved spending time with her family, especially with her many grandchildren, whom she was so very proud of. She enjoyed ceramics and crocheting beautiful blankets for her family and friends. She was also a boisterous NASCAR and Patriots fan, and enjoyed watching these events with her sister, Donna.

Beverly was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Frances Clough, as well as brother-in-law Bill Clark. She is survived by her husband Benjamin Chadwick, sister Donna Clark, son Scott Marcotte and wife Robin Marcotte, son Shawn Marcotte and wife Lisa Kuehn, step-son Ben (Chad) Chadwick and wife Christina Chadwick, step-son Christian Chadwick and wife Holly Chadwick, and grandchildren Alexandra Marcotte, Drew Marcotte, Rachel Chadwick, Kiera Marcotte, Kyra Huckins, Benjamin John Chadwick,

Benjamin Connolly Chadwick, and Rebecca Chadwick, and sister-in-laws Louise Clay, Harriet Nichols, Elizabeth Albenda, and Susanne Self. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

There was a private burial at Blossom Hill Cemetery in Concord NH at an earlier date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be made in Beverly-Jean's name to support the nursing program at Concord Hospital. Contributions may be mailed to Concord Hospital Trust, 250 Pleasant St., Concord, NH, 03301 or made online at chtrust.org.

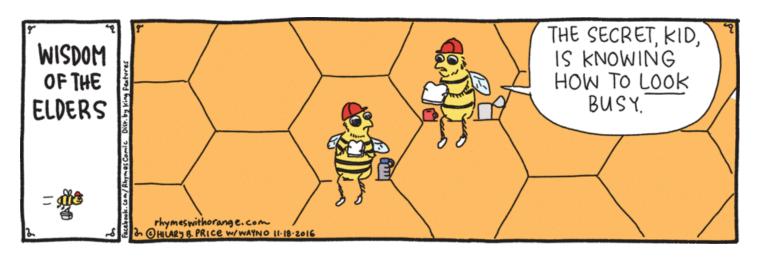
Arrangements are entrusted to the Bennett Funeral Home of Concord. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at https://www.bennettfuneral.com for the Chadwick family.

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Here's a note for the new members who may not have met Mrs. Chadwick. Her husband, Ben, was the NH Bee Inspector for many years. The Chadwicks sold honey, bee products, and beekeeping equipment at every NHBA meeting as well as New Hampshire fairs and festivals. She was always at Ben's side at these events. They often came to KBA picnics and occasionally to our meetings. This does not begin to describe their contributions to beekeeping in NH over the years. Bev will certainly be missed.





#### And looking forward to our Harvest Dinner.....

