

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

July 2020



Next meeting: Saturday, July 11th, 2020
 9:00 am, 223 North Rd., Sunapee

Included in this newsletter:

Message from the President

Apiary Update from Kim Pease

Hands On Workshops /Mentors Needed

Sticker Order form

President's Message:

Hello fellow beekeepers,

The month of June flew by for me. I know with all of the things that happen in beekeeping, swarm management in the first part and patiently waiting to build up some nucs I have, then came the honey flow for me, and then the mini drought which may have produced a dearth for some? We have been blessed with rain, and although we need more, things are better than they were.

Don't forget the HOWS meetings here at the apiary. They can be zoomed, but if you have a face-mask come on down.

Which brings me to the next topic of discussion. I would like to try and have our next monthly meeting here at the apiary. If everyone brings a chair there is room enough for social distance, and afterwards we can have a peek into the hives and do some honey extracting. That way we can have 2 groups that can switch out halfway through. We ordered a bunch of bumper stickers back in January and haven't been together as a group since then, so to answer everyone's question, yes there will be some at the apiary/farm after the meeting .

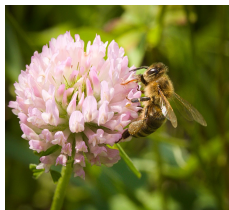
I also would like people to consider having a bring your own BBQ/picnic perhaps in August. This is certainly something that can be discussed, just a thought. We shall see how things go.

This month I would like to personally thank Kevin Sargent, Shreve Soule, John Chadwick, Eric De King, Kim Pease, Amelia Lantz, and I'm sure I've forgotten someone, for the work they have done in the apiary with teaching the HOWS. As a person once told me there is no wrong way to take care of bees, just different ways.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday July 11th at 9 AM at 223 North Rd Sunapee.

Please stay safe in these uncertain times,

Dana



What's Happening at the Apiary

KBA 1 was slow to start from a package on undrawn, plastic frames with extra wax added to each frame. They filled out one frame with comb. On the bordering frames, they drew out funky burr comb. They could not get beyond that point. Over a few weeks, frames of brood were taken from KBA 2 to boost the numbers of bees in KBA 1. A few drawn out frames were taken from storage and added. This gave the queen room to lay eggs. KBA 2 was gang busters from the start as a package on drawn out comb. They were instrumental in helping KBA 1 survive. Top Bar Hive is gang busters as well. They had drawn out comb to start on as well. Lesson learned is that drawn out comb is gold to helping a hive start.

On Saturday, KBA 1 had a second/upper deep box added with drawn out comb. Eggs and young larva were seen. They are still being fed sugar syrup. KBA 2 is doing well. Eggs and larva seen. They are starting to fill up the honey super. Top bar has a big brood chamber. They are starting to fill bars on house side of the hive with honey. Queen was spotted with a nice big blue dot. Two or three bars were added to the honey section.

HOWs schedule. As of right now, we do not have mentors lined up for future HOWS. We need mentors!!!! Yes, we are all busy attending to our own bees. New and old beekeepers need guidance and the HOWs help. Some of the HOWs will be weekly hive inspections only. Best way to learn is to go through as many different hives as possible. Each hive is different and will teach you something. No limit on how many years of beekeeping to be a mentor.

Saturday, 7/11 as part of monthly meeting....Extracting Honey and Hive Inspections. We need mentors for this. Please let me know if you can mentor one of these HOWS.

Next HOW will be either on 7/21, Tuesday or 7/22, Wednesday. Who will mentor?

What topics do you want to see over the remainder of the year for HOWS? We will have a HOW on preparing for winter and what to do over winter.

Interested in being a mentor or mentoring a HOW contact me at kim@tuckermountainfarm.com or 603-848-8468.

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