

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

April 2021



Next Meeting:

April 17, 2021 at 9:00am in-person at the apiary and via Zoom. Link will be sent out through email and posted on the KBA Facebook page.

In this issue: President's message, March Meeting Notes, NHBA winter hive survey, KBA Directory, Quotes for Brochure Printing, Apiary Committee

President's Message

Hello all,

It looks like spring is almost here. The bees are flying and the pussy willows are blooming... all good signs for beekeepers. I hope your electric fences are all up because the bears are also out and about, and they are hungry! My bees at home are eating a lot of pollen. My survival rate was around 50% ; the ones that died, I have concluded, were due to mites.

On a brighter note Shreve, your head of the apiary committee, informed me that all the hives at the club apiary are alive and taking pollen. That's very good news.

Package bees will be coming soon. I know it was a cold and rainy February and March in the south so most of the bees are delayed a week or two.

At last month's meeting we talked about printing flyers for the club. Marilyn and Bill have come back with some estimates. We will make the final decision at our next meeting, on what best suits our club price, in regard to quality and going with a local company as opposed to a franchise. I'm hoping Laurie will be able to attach the different quotes received to the newsletter.

NHBA winter Hive survey is open till the end of April. There is a link below. It takes about 10 minutes to fill the survey out. I would encourage anybody that does have bees to fill it out.

Bam

March Meeting notes

The meeting was held March 13th, 2021 via Zoom.

Minutes were accepted from the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Robin Gray reported there is \$9,443 in the KBA checking account. Paid membership is at 84. We made \$1643 from bee school. We paid \$200 to NH Beekeepers for insurance. There were no other expenses so far this year.

Shreve Soule motioned to accept the report, Mike Brown seconded. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Apiary Report

Shreve Soule, the apiary committee chairman, reported that he put winter patties on the hives at the apiary with the exception of the top bar hive. All hives were alive and well. He stated that we may be able to do some splits this year, and we may get honey.

Shreve also asked if we wanted to install a new package at the apiary. The club would like a package from Bam this spring.

Shed Committee

We would like to build the storage shed at the apiary in late July or early August.

Shreve Soule is getting pricing together. John Chadwick is working on a materials list. Dana Ramspott will be approaching different lumber companies to ask them for donations.

Bam knows a person who owns a sawmill who said he'd mill all of the framing wood for free.

Marilyn Milne's husband works at Durgin and Crowell, and the business will be donating shiplap.

KBA Club Brochure

We would like to have the club brochure updated so that we will have something to give the businesses that we will ask for shed material donations. It would show who we are and what we do. Kim Pease made a brochure that had been used previously. Marilyn Milne is updating that brochure. The shed committee has decided that the updated brochure is what they would like to use. The club needs to vote on printing them.

Mike Brown asked what it would cost for printing them and how often they would need to be reprinted.

John Chadwick stated that the club had taken the brochures to the Farm and Forest Expo. John thinks Barbara Burns had about 200-250 of them printed at Staples previously. Robin Gray said he thought they were \$1.00 each and were a higher quality brochure.

Betsey McNaughten suggested we allow a cost of up to \$150 to have the brochures printed. She said that 80# to 100# paper is good.

Marilyn Milne will check prices at Staples in Concord. Bill Beardslee suggested that we look into some local printers, like The Kearsarge Shopper, and he would be willing to do that. It was stated that we get a discount from the Kearsarge Shopper due to being a non-profit organization. Capitol Copy in Concord, New London Copy Specialists in Newport, and Kinkos in Concord were also suggested.

Shreve Soule made a motion to set aside \$150 for purchasing club brochures. Mike Brown seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

The shed committee will make the final determination as to where the brochure will be printed.

Irradiation

Bam is taking several pallets of hives to be irradiated on April 1st. He will be picking them up on April 8th. The cost is \$20 per box. The equipment needs to be put in contractor trash bags.

There was a question about what kind of radiation was used. It is Gamma radiation, and there is nothing residual.

Shreve asked if the apiary should have their extra boxes irradiated. He will check these hives and send them in if needed.

KBA Directory


Laurie Hardt would like to put a KBA member directory together for those members who are interested. The purpose of the directory would be to find other members who live near you to collaborate with. The directory would include your name, phone number, email address and the name of the town you live in. It would not include your street address.

It was agreed that Laurie could set up a directory for members who decide to "opt in." This directory would be shared with ONLY the members who opt in. It would not be published on the website.

If you would like to be included in the directory, please send an email to:

kbanhclub@gmail.com with "DIRECTORY" in the subject by April 23rd.

The directory will be emailed on or before April 30th.

Kevin Sargent wants to remind everyone to make sure to visit the apiary once the Hands On Workshops (HOWS) start. This is a great way to see how to work with your bees. 

Upcoming Lectures

Betsey McNaughten reports that NHBA will be presenting a Dr. Samuel Ramsey lecture on Varroa Management from 9am to 12 pm on Saturday, April 10th. It is open to NHBA members and the general public 2 weeks prior. We will move the monthly KBA meeting to the following Saturday, April 17th so that anyone who is interested can attend Dr. Ramsey's lecture.

To register, go to the New Hampshire Beekeepers Association website:

<https://nhbeekeepers.org>

At 9:56am, Shreve Soule motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Brown seconded the motion.

HIVE SURVEY

NHBA 5th Annual Winter Hive Survey is now open! We'll be collecting information through 4/30. Let us know how your hives did over the winter by answering a few questions in our survey : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NH2021HiveSurvey>. It only takes 5-10 minutes to complete and your information helps us better understand the health of our honeybee population.

□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□ □□□ □□□□□□□□ **Quotes for Brochure Printing**

staples (website) [Brochure Printing | Tri-Fold Brochures | Staples®](#)
100lb glossy 250 \$160
500 \$230

kinkos (website) [Brochure Printing: Custom Brochure & Pamphlet Printing | FedEx Office](#)
comes in recycled laser, 32Lb or glossy
Standard 100 \$84.99
Premium 100 \$89.99
Deluxe 100 \$94.99

Capitol Copy [Capitol Copy Inc – One Eagle Square, Concord, NH * 603-226-COPY \(2679\)](#)

Kearsarge Shopper David Landers sales@echocominc.com, 526-9131
80lb, folded 250 \$132
500 \$150

Next Day Flyers [www.nextdayflyers.com/brochure-printing/](#)
100lb glossy 500 \$174.35 (3day)
500 \$238.10 next business day

Speedy Printing and Copying Eric J Kizer info@speedyprintingnh.com, 603-226-2548, Concord
100# silk text 500 \$296.88
250 \$150

□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

RC Brayshaw & Company LLC Jeremy Freitas jfreitas@rcbrayshaw.com, 603-455-6312, Warner
STOCK 80# Gloss cover
BINDERY trim to 8.5x11, trifold to 3.67x8.5, carton pack, FOB Warner NH
**Note Cover Stock requires Scoring, otherwise the paper will crack on the fold. To avoid this we factored in scoring these, which adds \$25 + a little extra for the nicer paper.*

B&W on Colored stock (black on yellow would look sharp)
250 \$115
500 \$139

Color Front / B&W Inside
250 \$165
500 \$239

□□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□ □ □□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□ □ □□□□□□□

□□□□□ □□□□□□ □□□ □□□□□ □□□ □□□□□

Color Front / Color Inside
250 \$215
500 \$319

Minuteman Press

www.concord-nh.minutemanpress.com
concord-nh@minutemanpress.com
603-225-3713
100# gloss 500 \$148.72
 1000 \$266.80

□□□□□□□□

□□□□□□□ *****

Apiary Committee

The Apiary Committee is planning for a busy spring/summer. All 3 hives have survived at this point and once temps warm up we will be dealing with swarm vs split issues.

We are working on the HOWS schedule hopefully beginning the 2nd or 3rd week of April weather permitting. Our schedule is very weather dependent so monitor KBA facebook page for any last hour changes. We try very hard not to cancel but sometimes mother nature wins out! Expect to wear a mask and have some fun learning about bees. All are welcome regardless of experience!

Shreve Soule

Apiary Committee

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

President: Randy (Bam) Fleury

Vice President: Betsey McNaughten

Treasurer: Robin Gray

Secretary: Laurie Hardt

Please send information for newsletter to: kbanhclub@gmail.com

Join our facebook page at: KBA-NH (private group)