

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's October 2nd fall is here! I hope your bees are all doing well. Are they up to weight? I've been feeding a lot of sugar to get my hives ready for winter.

If you have not heard we have decided to have our Harvest dinner November 19th. We have a guest speaker, Kirk Webster, joining us the following day Saturday the 20th. Stay tuned for location and more details. I hope to see you all there.

The shed is progressing nicely. It should be finished after the next monthly meeting on October 9th. The meeting will be at the apiary but it will also be via Zoom. I hope to see everybody there who can make it.

*Sincerely,
Randy "Bam" Fleury*



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NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 9 , 2021
@ 9:00 AM

In person at the KBA apiary or via Zoom. Zoom invite to be sent prior to meeting.

AGENDA TO INCLUDE:

- Minutes from the Previous Meeting*
- Treasurer's Report*
- Apiary Committee Update*
- Update on Shed*
- Harvest Dinner*
- Guest Speaker Location and Details*
- Old Business*
- New Business*

ABOUT KIRK WEBSTER

Kirk Webster will be joining us November 20th as a guest speaker. Learn more about Kirk and his treatment free beekeeping methods at www.kirkwebster.com.



SEPTEMBER KBA MEETING NOTES

Saturday, September 11th, 2021 9:00 Apiary/Zoom

Members Present: Randy Fleury, Kevin Sargent, Gordon Ramspott, Amelia Lantz, Ann Harris, Bill Goggin, Shreve Soule, John Chadwick, Marilyn Milne, Shane Howard, Kathy Ordway, and via Zoom: Laurie Hardt, Mike Brown, Sandy Josilin, Susan Bragg, Barbara Marty, Susan Menard, J Nintzel, and Bob DeLuca.

9:01 Meeting was called to order by Randy (Bam) Fleury

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed by Laurie Hardt. Amelia Lantz made a motion to accept the minutes, and Ann Harris seconded the motion.

Old Business

Scholarship for Bee School

Kevin Sargent spoke about the Bill McDonald Scholarship for Bee School. The Bee School Committee will meet to discuss the scholarship in October. They will determine from which towns students can apply for the scholarship (an approximate 20 mile radius of Newport). This committee will read the 250 word essays on why they would like to keep bees and then choose two students to receive the scholarship for bee school. The winners will also receive everything needed to get started with beekeeping.

Apiary Committee/Hands On Workshops

Shreve Soule reported that KBA 1 queen was pulled approximately 4 weeks ago due to a possible swarm. That queen is in a nuc box at Shreve's.

KBA 2 is still fading. The Top Bar Hive needs to be checked.

Some thoughts were discussed about possibly raising our own queens next year, We may want to use the Miller Method and 1 to 2 mating nucs.

There are a few HOWs left. This Wednesday, September 15th, Kevin Sargent will be discussing what

hives will need going into the winter. Many hives are light for this time of year and will need to be fed.

There will also be another HOWS later in the fall to discuss preparing the hives for winter.

There were some HOWS this year that had no attendance other than the presenter. Bam suggested we may ask for an RSVP for next year's HOWS. He also suggested that the presenter may be interested in holding the HOWS at their own apiary.

2021 Harvest Dinner

Harvest Dinner will be held Friday evening, November 19th, 2021. Kirk Webster, a treatment free beekeeper, will speak the following day at the same location as the dinner.

A discussion was held about where to hold the dinner. We want to make sure we have enough space. The Warner Town Hall, which is larger, and the Sutton Church were both mentioned. Shane Howard will contact Barbara Burns about using the church. The Hartmans will be contacted about the Warner Town Hall. Amelia is willing to help decide which location to use.

We plan to follow CDC guidelines in regard to Covid.

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SEPTEMBER KBA MEETING NOTES (CONTINUED)

New Business

Lifetime Membership

Kevin Sargent proposed that KBA add a single or family “Lifetime Membership” option in regard to dues.

Currently our dues are \$20.00 per family each year. In Kevin’s proposal the Single Person Lifetime Membership would be a one time cost of \$175.00 and the Family Lifetime Membership would be a one time cost of \$250.00. These fees will help the club, and you won’t have to worry about paying every year.

Bam stated that he typically pays for two ads each year to advertise for bee school instead of sending in the yearly dues. These ads are more expensive than the yearly membership dues, but he donates the balance to the club. It was suggested by Amelia that he submit receipts for the ads to Robin so that the money spent on advertising is included in the budget. Once he is reimbursed he can donate the money to the club if he would like to.

After a discussion on lifetime membership, a vote was taken to ask if we wanted to offer this option to current members and new members. All were in favor, no opposition. The proposal passed and lifetime memberships will now be available.

End of meeting conversation

John Chadwick feels that the club has suffered due to not having in-person meetings. He wishes it were different and other members feel the same.

While much of this is out of our immediate control, as a club we do understand that some people are still uncomfortable about or unable to meet in person. As we move forward, we hope to continue to have both in-person and Zoom attendees at our meetings. There is strength in numbers no matter how you look at it. Please continue to join us any way you can.

Meeting Adjourned

At 9:40 am Amelia Lantz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Marilyn Milne.

Planting for Bees and Other Pollinators

Fall is often a good time to consider planting, moving or splitting perennials, and seeding or reseeding pollinator beds for next year. Check out these great resources for bee friendly plants and planting suggestions from UNH Cooperative Extension:

[Planting for Pollinators: Establishing a Wildflower Meadow from Seed \[fact sheet\] | Extension \(unh.edu\)](#)

[Pollinator Plants for Northern New England Gardens \[fact sheet\] | Extension](#)



2021 HANDS ON WORKSHOPS (HOWS)

HOWs are winding down for the 2021, but there is still time to make at least one more!

Wondering how to winterize your hives or if they've got the resources to make the winter? Come check out the apiary, share some knowledge and experience, swap some stories and get some tips all while working with the KBA bees. Come and join the fun! Check our KBA-NH Facebook page for scheduling, cancellation or rescheduling announcements.

Please note that waivers are required to be signed for those visiting the apiary. A copy of the waiver can be found on the clubs website or picked up at the apiary.

OCT / NOV TBA

Winterizing your hive

Dana Ramspott



Shreve Soule leads the September 11 HOWs joined by Anne Harris and Shane Howard.



***** SAVE THE DATE *****

November 19, 2021
KBA Harvest Dinner

November 20, 2021
Guest Speaker
Kirk Webster

Kevin Sargent's Essential Oil Recipe

Spring Recipe

2 Milliliters Of Tea Tree Oil
2 Milliliters Of Thyme Oil
2 Milliliters Of Spearmint Oil
1/2 Milliliters Of Lemongrass Oil

Fall Recipe

2 Milliliters Of Tea Tree Oil
2 Milliliters Of Tea Tree Oil
2 Milliliters Of Wintergreen

The above recipes are for making up 5 gals of sugar syrup to add into the sugar syrup that you will feed to your bees.

Generally feed a minimum of 1 Gal of this essential oil sugar syrup per hive but the more the Qty of this you feed them the better the results.

You need to designate a blender for this only as the smell will stay within the blender. Or it might be best to buy one for this purpose only.

In the fall you will notice that the recipe has doubled up on the Thyme dosage as that will give you a Heavy Varroa mite knock down for winter.

Add about 12 ozs of water to the blender and then add oils and run the blender with cover on top on high speed to emulsify for 5 minutes it will look like a milkshake color inside the blender.

You can use lecithin granules and a 1/2 teaspoon would be more than enough. Lecithin will keep the oils mixed better with the water which may separate in an hour but just shake the container and pour out what you need for say a 1 gallon batch.

Be sure to add the water first to the blender first. If you put straight essential oils into your blender it will eat up the rubber seals fast. Always rinse blender out at least 3 or more times with hot faucet water and run short cycles to get everything/oil residue removed before storage.

A small eye dropper with milliliter graduations can be purchased in the beauty section of a store.

- Kevin



Shed Update

Our apiary shed is looking AMAZING and is nearly complete.
Just a few finishing touches planned for October 9th.
Thanks again to all who have helped!



Photos by Kevin Sargent, Shreve Soule, and Dana Ramspott.

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