

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

November 2020



Next meeting:

Saturday, November 14th, 2020

9:00am at 223 North Rd., Sunapee

The meeting will also be Zoomed, and the link will be sent out through email and on Facebook.

Included in this newsletter:

Message from the President

Monthly Meeting notes

President's Message:

Hello everyone,

I do not know if you all have had snow yet, but it is coming. And the cold temps we experienced earlier this week are a definite indication that winter is on its way.

I was not able to find a place to host our Nov. Meeting sadly, so it will be zoomed.

I do not know if you have wrapped your hives for winter yet, but it is time to think about doing so.

I plan to have a Hands On Workshop on Saturday the 7th of November to wrap the hives in different ways at the Apiary. It will begin at 9 AM and I will do my best to Zoom this as well. So please feel free to come with your questions.

It is with deep regret that I must announce that I will not be continuing as president in the year 2021. There have been some recent medical issues in my family that take precedence. I am sure Bam will lead the KBA club in the right direction. I shall not disappear, that is for sure, but I must take a step back for a bit. This was not an easy decision by any means. I would like to thank all my fellow club members for their help in making the presidency a great experience.

Dana

October Meeting Notes

KBA Meeting

Ramspott Farm, 10/3/20 9am

Zoom, thank you Kim Pease, Susan Iellamo & Laurie Hardt
you to Amelia Lantz for taking the October meeting notes.

Thank

In person attending: Dana Ramspott, Bam Fleury, John Chadwick, who brought friend John, who is a beginning beekeeper. Ann Harris, Kim Pease, Shreve Soule, Kevin Sargent, Amelia Lantz, Gordon Ramspott and his huge tractor.

Shed updates:

Dana has 2 size offers from the Sunapee High School for sheds with no windows. Ann has a window to offer. Could also use a small boat/car dome light to light shed if it's windowless.

Kevin offered that with club members help, we can buy wood, build it ourselves.

John C was nominated and accepted as Shed Building Committee chair! "Let's make a shed." will commence in Springtime 2021 inside the Apiary.

Will it be taxed? It was mentioned that the club might pay taxes if any. Dana will get necessary building permits.

Winterizing Hives:

Discussion about winterizing Top Bar Hive. Again, John Chadwick is the MVP, and will demonstrate to us his technique for wrapping the hive for winter.

Harvest Supper:

Sadly, the Harvest Supper is cancelled for Nov 2020, we all know why...

Bill MacDonald Scholarship:

Fond remembrances of Bill MacDonald were shared, especially about how he faithfully helped at Bee School, even last year. There will be a scholarship to KBA Bee School given in Bill MacDonald's name. The application, criteria and aspects of the scholarship are being determined in the Bee School committee—please join and help!!

Bee School 2021:

Newport Sugar River Tech. Center is probably a no to hosting Bee School due to Covid.

Kevin is wondering if Newport HS Cafeteria is available, we will offer to pay for additional cleaning. Seems like Bee School will also be Zoomed, those attending virtually to receive a locked link to access.

Ann Harris will ask about availability at Colby Sawyer College, a space large enough for 60 people, again KBA offers cleaning fee costs.

Colby Sawyer has come through with an available space if necessary.

KBA Bee School Textbook: Shall we update the current text? Kim & Dana report much success in other club's bee schools with Beekeeping For Dummies. KBA can bulk order this text with NHBA. The Beekeeper's Handbook was also put forward as a possibility. Bee School committee will decide on the textbook.

Dana relayed the request and possibility of an Intermediate Bee School, perhaps to take place over four Saturdays, starting two weeks after Bee School is done. Lots on for the Bee School Committee!

Apiary Committee:

Shreve Soule asked 'Who is the Apiary Committee Chair?' and we all accepted that as his nomination, seconded it, and he graciously agreed. MVP2! Wisely, he asked for a set of written guidelines for the job, of which there are... in by-laws that need to be updated. It is understood

that committee chair terms in KBA are for two years (or life). Dana, Kevin, and Kim recounted the basics of the Apiary: management; HOWS; mentors.

Other topics:

Project APIS is Oct 6, 11-12

Richard Brewster's hive equipment, 8 frame, observation hive, mostly mediums were donated to KBA and cleaned up by John & Bam. Bam took 20 boxes to MA Beekeepers for irradiation.

Bam will contact to see if we can utilize this service as a club.

There WILL be a meeting in November. Dana checking on a spot where folk can stay 6' apart. November meet, hopefully in person, is crucial to support Bee School and Apiary committees.

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