

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I look forward to seeing you all on March 5th for the in-person meeting at Warner Town Hall. It's a pretty packed agenda. I will try and move through it fairly quickly and smoothly.

I've been very busy building new equipment and painting. Taking package orders is also keeping me busy. If you have not ordered bees you should probably consider doing so as soon as possible.

Spring is coming we've had some very nice warm days in March. I've been able to go out and check my bees. Many needed extra food so I put sugar boards on top. So far my survival rate seems to be about 75%, but we still have another month and a half to go though, so we'll see how it goes.

Sincerely,

Randy "Bam" Fleury



First 2022 HOWS

Join us for our first Hands On Work Shop (HOWS) on Saturday March 19th at the KBA club Apiary at 11 am. 223 North Road, Sunapee, NH

We will go over installing packages and doing a "hive autopsy" on the KBA 2 hive. If you have a hive that died over winter and are interested in an autopsy on it as part of the HOWs, contact Shreve Soule ahead of time at shreveosoule63@gmail.com.



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NEXT MEETING

MARCH 5 , 2022
@ 9:00 AM

In person @ the Warner Town Hall

Zoom invite to be sent prior to meeting.

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AGENDA TO INCLUDE:

- Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Updates
- Bee School Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Old Business
- New Business
- KBA Goals for 2022
- Website Discussion

MARCH KBA MEETING - MARCH 5TH

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FOCUS ON 2022

What goals do you think KBA should focus on for 2022? Do you have ideas for KBA events in 2022? Please join us at our next regular meeting, March 5th, to participate in a group discussion regarding KBA's goals for 2022.

Initial ideas include:

- Visiting other members apiaries for HOWs
- Guest Speakers
- Workshops (Fencing, NUCs, Queen Raising)
- Advanced Bee School
- Scholarship
- Slovenian Hives
- Collaboration with other groups



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KBA COMMITTEES

Would you like to get involved with KBA?

KBA has standing Committees as well as occasional "pop-up" or ad-hoc Committees that are organized as needed. If you have an interest in participating on a particular committee, don't hesitate to reach out to the Chair. If you'd like to get involved, but are unsure where help is needed, feel free to reach out to any of the Officers listed on the back page of this newsletter or any of the Chairs listed here. We'd welcome the added interest and volunteers!



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Apiary Committee

Shreve Soule, Chair

KBA Bee School Committee

Kevin Sargent, Chair

KBA Scholarship Committee

(Bee School Sub-Committee)

Nomination Committee

John Chadwick
Dave Hartman

Summer Picnic Committee

Harvest Dinner Committee

Ad-hoc Committees

(Organized as needed)
2021 Shed Committee

2022 KBA MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES

KBA Memberships due January 1.



A special reminder for everyone to make sure to send their dues in to Robin Gray.

More inf and form can be found on the kbanh.org website.

Please also submit a form to Robin to update any of your information (like a new email).

Please make checks payable to KBA or Kearsarge Beekeepers Association.

Mail to: Robin Gray, PO Box 275, Warner, NH 03278

Membership benefits include: HOWs, Newsletter (emailed and on website), Library, Mentors, Access to the KBA Facebook for members page

Dues are: \$20 for individual, \$175 Individual lifetime, and \$250 Family lifetime

KBA Apiary and HOWs Update

The Apiary Committee is in the process of planning the upcoming 2022 season. Committee members are really excited for the coming year and hope to see you there! Possible activities for this year include:

- At least one monthly HOWs at a members bee yard this year. A mentor would be there to assist if needed. Please let me know via email if you would like to host a HOWs.
- We are purchasing items to have on hand at the apiary for this years projects (currently under discussion)
- Queen rearing
- Increasing and over wintering nucleus hives.

Our first HOWs will be Saturday March 19th at 11:00 am at the KBA apiary. We have at least one dead out. So we'll do an autopsy on KBA2 and go over spring package installments. If anyone has a hive that died over winter and are interested in an autopsy on it, send me an email. I'm looking for 4-6 more hives for autopsy.

For our new beekeepers, you can find a list of mentors on the KBA website. If you have any questions or feel you need help with your bees, please do not hesitate to contact one of us! We love working with bees and try very hard to be available for everyone.

Lastly, the week of HOWs a Facebook reminder will be posted. Please respond to the post if you are planning to attend. This is just so the Mentor is not left drinking coffee at the apiary all by him or her self. By the way, the scenery at the club apiary is beautiful especially at sunset!

We also try not to cancel because of weather but down pours and T-Storms are no fun to be in. Watch FB for any last minute cancellations! We try to give at least 30 to 60 minutes for cancellation. Thursday is usually the makeup day for Wednesday's weather cancellations.

At your service,
Shreve Soule
Apiary Chair
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2022 KBA CALENDAR

Bees For Sale

MARCH	5	9:00 AM KBA Meeting Warner Town Hall and Zoom
	19	11:00 AM HOW @ Apiary
APRIL	8	KBA Meeting
MAY	13	KBA Meeting
JUNE	10	KBA Meeting
JULY	TBD	Summer Picnic
AUGUST	12	KBA Meeting
SEPTEMBER	9	KBA Meeting
OCTOBER	14	KBA Meeting
NOVEMBER	11	KBA Meeting
	TBD	Harvest Dinner

(Dates and times subject to change)



Bam Fleury will have packages of bees available in early April and Russian nucleus colonies mid to late April. Anyone interested should contact him at randybeeman4@gmail.com for more information.

Brian Jasinski is selling nucleus colonies with over wintered queens. If interested, he is on FaceBook as Brian's Vermont Apiaries and can be reached on his cell phone at 802-356-4322



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