

# Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*Happy fall! What a busy time of year for all, but our bee friends are particularly busy getting ready for winter. As we move through fall I hope you are making sure your hives are storing the resources they need and getting up to weight for winter.*

*Of the 80 pounds harvested this year, I believe there's only five more pounds of honey to sell from the club apiary.*

*Thank you to all who helped with the sales and donations.*

*Planning for Bee School is coming along nicely. The 2023 Class will be held at the Sugar River Technical Center in Newport, NH. Classes are held Saturdays starting January 14th and go through February 11th, 2023.*

*I look forward to seeing you all at the Harvest Dinner on November 11th. Come for the wonderful food and friendship. Participate in the Honey Tasting Contest and the raffle.*

*I'll be stepping down as President at the end of the year, so the office is up for election. Other offices up for election include Vice-president and Secretary. Elections for KBA offices will be held at the January regular meeting.*

*Our October meeting will be on the 15th at the KBA apiary to finalize details of the Harvest Dinner.*

*Sincerely,*

*Randy "Bam" Fleury*



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## NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2022  
@ 9:00 AM

In person @ the KBA Apiary  
223 North Road  
Sunapee, NH

## AGENDA TO INCLUDE:

- Minutes from the Previous Meeting*
- Treasurer's Report*
- Committee Update*
- Old Business*
- (Planning for Harvest Dinner)*
- New Business*

# SEPTEMBER 2022 KBA MEETING NOTES

**The KBA September Meeting was held September 10th, 2022 at the Warner Town Hall and also via Zoom.**

Happy Birthday to KBA president Bam Fleury!

Members present in person 14; on Zoom 2. Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am

## **Secretary's Report**

The August 2022 meeting minutes were read by Laurie Hardt. The August minutes were accepted.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Robin Gray was not present.

## **Apiary Report**

Chairman Shreve Soule reported that all is going well. Mite washes were done last weekend with Dawn dish detergent formula. Most hives had around six mites, Troy's had twelve. Apiguard was used to treat the mites. They're seven days in so far. All hives had mites removed. Bees are feeding and building up for winter. Goldenrod and aster are in bloom. There is fresh nectar coming in. Top Bar hive has five frames of mostly capped brood. They're building up for winter. The lawnmower still won't start. There was a rope wrapped around the blade. Kevin Sargent will look at it.

There will be a couple more HOWS this month. Hives still need to be moved, maybe the second weekend of October. A HOWS on how to wrap your hives will be scheduled for later on, Dana usually does this. The apiary has about \$900 worth of expenses. Receipts will be submitted for reimbursement. Help is still needed with weed-whacking and feeding the bees at the apiary. Is there anyone nearby who can help?

Thank you to Shreve for all you do at the club apiary. Anyone who would like to help at the apiary, please contact Shreve at [Shreveosoule63@gmail.com](mailto:Shreveosoule63@gmail.com)

## **Bee School Committee Updates**

Chairman John Chadwick reported that the committee met this past week at Bob DeLuca's house. They have made tremendous progress with lots of work completed. They have reviewed all of the recorded sessions and the feedback from last year. Bee School 2023 will be held at the Sugar River Technical Center in Newport. Thank you to all bee school committee members for all of the work you have done.

## **Scholarship Committee**

Kim Pease volunteered to head this new committee. The goal is to provide a scholarship for 2024. Kathy Ordway and Joey Barnes will also be on this committee. Laurie Hardt will email Kim Pease with the information we have regarding Kevin Sargent's original ideas for the scholarship.

## **Old Business**

### **Officer Nominations**

We are looking for a new secretary for 2023. Laurie Hardt will be stepping down after three years in this position. Our club will also be accepting nominations for the office of vice president, and president.

### **Harvest Dinner**

We have reserved the church in Sutton for the 11th and 12th of November. The dinner will be held Friday evening, November 11th. The speaker will be Saturday morning, November 12th.

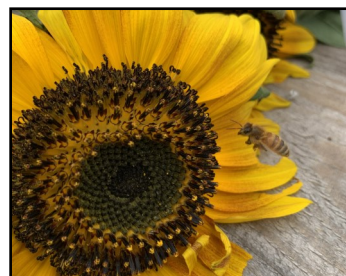
Susan Menard has been gathering information about speakers. Mike Palmer will be speaking via Zoom to another club in November. She will be contacting Tuckabee or Erin McGregor Forbes as possible speakers for our club.

## **New Business**

### **October Meeting Change**

The October meeting, which is normally the second Saturday in October (October 8th this year) will need to be changed so that members can attend the New Hampshire Beekeepers Association Zoom Meeting that day. Also, the Warner Fall Foliage festival is that weekend as well, so our meeting place is unavailable.

A motion was made by Susan Menard to move the October meeting to October 15th. The meeting will be held at the club apiary. John Chadwick seconded the motion and all approved.



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# AUGUST 2022 KBA MEETING NOTES (CONTINUED)

## Speaker Budget

Susan Menard asked about our speakers' budget. After a discussion, it was felt that the average cost of a speaker is about \$250. Bam said we may have more money available for a good speaker. It was stated that between \$500-\$700 yearly is spent for speakers. Shreve asked how often we have speakers, and Bam said it is usually about 3 times per year, including the Harvest Dinner.

## Website

John Chadwick stated that the website has access to the Google calendar. He has reached out to Diane Cameron, an acquaintance of Amelia, for help with the website.

## T-Shirts

John Chadwick asked if there was anyone willing to take charge of a new t-shirt order. Diane Mancino agreed to head up the t-shirt quest for KBA. She recently contacted the Ink Factory in Claremont, NH. It is a \$45 set-up fee for embroidery and \$18 to \$21 for basic cotton tees. Cynthia Hayes used Top-Stitch in Lebanon, NH for our last order several years ago.

After some discussion, it was decided that we will have a contest amongst our club members, to design a new logo for our club. We want the name Kearsarge Beekeepers Association as part of the logo. The logo will be voted on at the next meeting. Laurie Hardt will send out an email about the contest.

## Betsey McNaughten Donation

This was tabled until the next meeting.



## Honey Gifts

Marilyn Milne reported that Durgin and Crowell really appreciated the gift of honey from our club. Craig and Liam from The Lumber Barn also appreciated the honey that was given to them. Dana will be giving honey to LaValley Lumber as well. This honey was given to the businesses who generously donated materials to help build the shed at our apiary.

There is still KBA Honey that is available to members.

Over half a case of honey was sold at Musterfield Farm for \$12.50 a jar. Musterfield Farm was given 20 percent of the profits. This was the first time KBA attended Musterfield Farm Days. Bam will also be there for Harvest Day on October 2nd, 2022 from 10am until 3pm.

## Education Committee

Kim Pease agreed to chair this committee. There is a miniature teaching hive in the shed at the apiary that can be used for presentations. Please use the sign-out sheet if you would like to borrow it.

## Meeting was adjourned at 9:59am.

After the meeting, Heather Achilles, a member of New Hampshire Beekeepers Association and chairperson for their Research Committee, shared information about a NHBA Citizen Science Project/ Research Update: Highlights for the Winter Hive Survey and What We Learned in our Winter Wrap Study. Lots of interesting information was presented! Thank you, Heather!

***Many thanks to Heather Achilles for sharing her knowledge and information from the Winter Hive Survey and the Winter Wrap Study with us at the September KBA Meeting!***



## Winter Hive Survey

Since 2017, NHBA has run a Winter Hive Loss Survey to better understand the trends in NH bee colony losses. The Winter 2021-22 Colony Survival Rate was 41%.

[Research – New Hampshire Beekeepers Association \(nhbeekeepers.org\)](https://nhbeekeepers.org)

## KBA'S 2023 BEE SCHOOL

KBA's 2023 Bee School will be held at the Sugar River Technical Center at the Newport, NH High-school. Sessions are held Saturday mornings over a five week time frame: January 14, 21, and 28, and February 4 and 11. Registration information will be posted to the KBA website @ kbanh.org.

Sessions Include:

- The Colony and Its Organization
- Beekeeping Equipment
- Starting with Bees
- Colony Management
- First Year Beekeeper Experiences
- Honey Production and Processing
- Advanced Concept
- Managing Maladies
- Q&As
- Raffles

Each class runs approximately from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

The cost is \$50 for an individual or family and includes all 5 classes, the textbook and a one year membership to KBA.

For more information, visit our website (kbanh.org) or call Kevin at 603-863-4352.

***Spring is coming! Bee ready!***

## 2023 KBA OFFICER ELECTIONS



Elections for open offices will be held at the January 2023 Regular Meeting. The following offices will be up for election:

**Secretary:** Laurie Hardt will be stepping down after three years in this position. The roles of the Secretary include taking notes at the monthly meetings, sending out the newsletter, and other communication for club committees, and keeping the membership lists up to date. KBA has a Google account that is used for this purpose. Laurie is willing to meet with the new Secretary (or Secretaries, if a shared position) to explain the general procedures. If you are interested, please contact Laurie or one of the other club officers for more information.

**Vice-president:** Assists the President and acts as President in the President's absence. Succeed to the office of President should a vacancy occur other than expiration of term.

**President:** Oversees and runs all meetings and is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

The terms of offices are for one year, but serving for two is recommended.

Anyone interested in an office, or nominating someone, please reach out to John Chadwick (Nomination Committee Chairperson) at jachad@tds.net.

# 2022 KBA CALENDAR

Month/Date	Day of Week	Location	Topic	Mentor
October 15	Saturday	Apiary	9:00 AM Regular Meeting	
October	TBD	Apiary	HOW - Worker Bee, Apiary cleanup, Hive moving	Shreve Soule
October	TBD	Apiary	HOW - OAV Treatment?	Shreve Soule
Oct / Nov	TBD	Apiary	HOW - Hive Wrapping Options	Dana Ramspott
November 11	Friday	Sutton	Harvest Dinner	
November 12	Saturday	Sutton	9:00 AM Regular Meeting followed by Guest Speaker Tucka Bee	
November	TBD	TBD	Candle Making	Kim Pease



*“Keeping of bees is like the direction of sunbeams.”*

*– Henry David Thoreau*

## **Kearsarge Beekeepers Association**

President: Randy (Bam) Fleury  
 Vice President: Betsey McNaughten  
 Treasurer: Robin Gray  
 Secretary: Laurie Hardt  
 Newsletter: Marilyn Milne

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