

# Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*It has been a fantastic fall and winter preparations are well underway. As we wrap up the beekeeping season you should be checking that all have your hives up to weight and have the resources they need to get through the winter.*

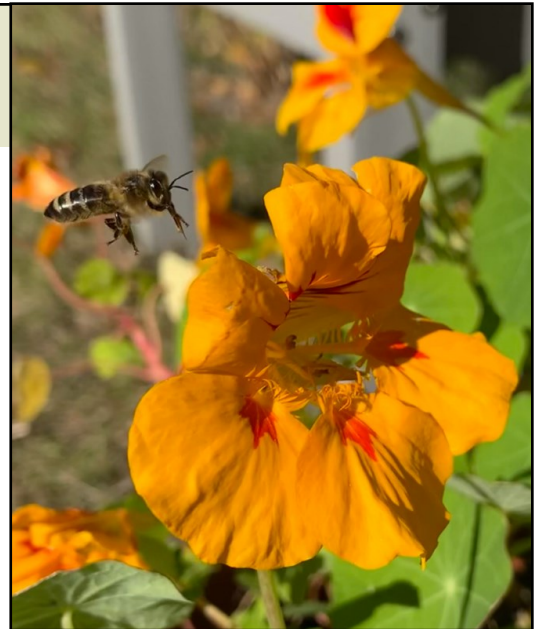
*The Harvest Dinner is coming up on November 11. I hope to see you all there. Not too many people have signed up to bring dishes. I hope that doesn't mean we're going to have a small turnout. Don't forget to bring something for the raffle and honey for the honey contest!*

*The following day, November 12th, we have an excellent speaker coming, Tucka Bee. We will also be voting on the logo for the clubs t-shirts. Thank you Diane for handling this task!*

*The Bee School Committee is doing a great job getting ready for 2023 Bee School. The flyers have been put out and ads will be placed soon. Please help us spread the word and if you know of anyone that is interested in keeping bees, let them know!*

*Sincerely,*

**Randy “Bam” Fleury**



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## NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2022  
@ 9:00 AM

In person @ the First Free Will Baptist Church, North Sutton

## AGENDA TO INCLUDE:

- Minutes from the Previous Meeting*
- Treasurer’s Report*
- Committee Update*
- Old Business*
- New Business*



### 2023 KBA HARVEST DINNER

November 11th at 6:30

First Free Will Baptist Church, North Sutton

Honey Tasting Contest and Raffle Too!

It’s potluck... bring a dish to share!

# OCTOBER 2022 KBA MEETING NOTES

KBA Club Meeting October 15, 2022

Held at KBA Club Apiary, Ramspott Farm, North Rd, Sunapee, Bam Fleury called meeting to order 9am.

Attending: Betsy McNaughton, Mike & Joey Byrnes, Carol Currotto, Ann Harris, Gerald Patnode, Diane Mancino, Amelia Lantz, Bob DeLuca, Shreve Soule, John Chadwick, Bam Fleury

After the meeting, hive stands that are long and sturdy were constructed by club members led by Shreve, John, and Bam, close to shed. These are for wintering the hives. The long warped pallets housing the majority of hives currently will be dismantled.

Many kudos to Kevin Sargent for helps in the Apiary! Kevin mounted the fencer on the shed, added fence tensioner to level gate, and fixed the lawnmower as well!

Many kudos to Shreve Soule and Bam Fleury for keeping the KBA Apiary colonies fed this fall—more than two hundred pounds of sugar syruped-up for our club bees!!

Kudos to Bam & Shreve for bottling, labeling, selling KBA Apiary honey this year! One jar is reserved for honey contest(s), and some of it was gifted to our three Shed benefactors. All the rest was sold (\$10/member; \$12.50/public) and \$562.50 put to KBA bank account.

## DETAILS OF THE HARVEST SUPPER

Where: First Free Will Baptist Church, North Sutton, NH

When: Friday, November 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

What: A Feast! including Turkey& Ham provided by KBA, thank you Soule & DeKing families for bringing. Attendees please bring a dish to share, with its serving spoon, and drink of your choice. Thank you Diane Mancino for organizing sign-ups!

How: Set-up, and all table service provided, help with clean up appreciated. Thank you Linda Hartman & Amelia Lantz for leading.

More What: Honey contest and Raffle, bring your labeled honey and fun stuff for the raffle! BTW, if like last year there

is a three-way tie for 1st Place, the winner will be settled by arm-wrestling! Thank you Betsy McNaughton for organizing contest & raffle.

## NOVEMBER MEETING SATURDAY NOV 12, 2022

9am

First Free Will Baptist Church

North Sutton, NH

Speaker is Tucka [Bee](#) of TuckaBee LLC. She runs apiaries in New York and Florida. She attended Apimondia in Turkey this October. Thank you to Susan [Menard](#) for arranging our special speaker.

The club meeting before the speaker will include voting by ballot for the final version of the KBA club T-shirt. Thank you Diane Mancino for heading up the designs, including intricacy and color issues, formulating design choices via Facebook KBANH page voting.

The Nominating Committee for KBA officer positions is filled! John Chadwick will be assisted by Carol Currotto and Bob Deluca for assuring the smooth and competent transition of leaders in our club. Terms begin in February, and the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary will be changing as of the January 2023 club meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10am, motion by Bob Deluca, seconded by Carol Currotto, all in favor.

Amelia Lantz





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## GUEST SPEAKER: TUCKA BEE

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KBA is excited to host Tucka Bee at our November Harvest Dinner and as guest speaker at the November regular meeting, November 12th, 9:00 AM, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in North Sutton. From Tucka below:

Bzz! I run about 300 colonies in Upstate New York and South Florida. My business, Tucka Bee LLC, sprung from 100 swarm traps in the south. My primary mentors are Mike Palmer in Upstate Vermont and Sam Comfort, creator of the Comfort Hive. I raise about 500 - 1000 queens per year and also produce a bit of honey and wax. I enjoy standing in swarms, swimming in rivers, and long days queen-catching while my pup lounges in the sun. It's a pirate's life with bees! Zzb!

## **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](http://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](http://kbanh.org)) or call Kevin at 603-863-4352.

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

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## KBA CLUB T-SHIRT LOGO VOTING

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Join us at the November club meeting to vote on the final version of the KBA club T-shirt logo.  
Thank you Diane Mancino for all your efforts to get KBA fashionable and comfortable!



Option #1



Option #2



Option #3



Option #4

### 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:** 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.

**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](mailto:jachad@tds.net).

## 2022 KBA CALENDAR

Month/Date	Time	Location	Topic	Mentor
Nov 5, Saturday	9:00 AM	Apiary	HOW - Move hives to new stands and treat with OAV	Shreve Soule
Nov 11, Friday	6:30 PM	Sutton	Harvest Dinner	
Nov 12, Saturday	9:00 AM	Sutton	Regular Meeting followed by Guest Speaker Tucka Bee	
Nov 19, Saturday	9:00 AM	Apiary	HOW - Hive Wrapping Options	TBD
Dec 10, Saturday	TBD	TBD	Candle Making	Kim Pease

### Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

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 Treasurer: Robin Gray  
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