

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It was good to see you all at the Harvest Dinner and at the guest speaker presentation the following day. It was a very good time. I missed those that didn't make it. Hopefully you'll be able to make it next year as we always try and have a very good speaker after harvest dinner.

At the Dinner and Saturday meeting, we voted on the t-shirt logo. Diane is following up with printing.

Remember the January meeting will be the first Saturday, January 7th, due to Bee School starting on the 14th. We will have elections for all officers at the January meeting.

Hopefully you're all wrapping your bees or already have them wrapped. You may also be following up with mite treatment if you do a late oxalic acid treatment. I myself am a bit behind schedule.



2023 KBA Bee School will be starting the second Saturday in January. If you know anyone that might want to attend please let them know.

Sincerely,

Randy “Bam” Fleury



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NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2022
@ 9:00 AM

In person at the Warner Town Hall
Zoom invite TBD.

AGENDA TO INCLUDE:
Minutes from the Previous Meeting
Treasurer’s Report
Old Business
New Business
Officer Elections

NOVEMBER 2022 KBA MEETING NOTES

November 12, 2022. First Free Will Baptist Church, Sutton, NH Members present: 25 Meeting was called to order at 9 am by President Bam Fleury.

Treasurer's Report

Robin Gray reported that there is \$6079 in the checking account and \$178 was made on the raffle last night at the Harvest Dinner.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Secretary's Report

Laurie Hardt read the minutes from the October meeting. There is a mistake that needs to be corrected: Kim Pease is the person who spoke with Tucka Bee and arranged for her to be our speaker for today. In the October notes Susan Menard was listed as the person who arranged it. October Meeting notes were accepted with the correction above.

Apiary Report

Shreve Soule reported that hives are all in place with new stands. A fair amount of sugar was used to feed the hives. All are in good shape except the top bar hive which has a small population, possibly due to robbing.

There is a correction in the remaining HOWs schedule: Dana Ramspott will be wrapping hives at the apiary on Sunday, November 20th at 9:00 am.

Shreve stated that we had a good year at the apiary. It was the first year we sold honey, and we started from all new packages.

A discussion followed about mites and thresholds. Troy, who does alcohol washes, stated that he thinks below 9 per 300 bees is ok.

Kim Pease wondered if we should purchase robbing screens from Mann Lake for the apiary. Amelia Lantz stated that the apiary has had a great season. "Thank you to Shreve and Bam!" Marilyn also praised the HOWS this year saying they were all very good.

Bee School 2023

John Chadwick, Chairman of the Bee School Committee, stated that the advertisement for Bee School will come out the first week in December. Classes will be held at the Tech Center in Newport in the Media Room (first floor in the back). All speakers are set up.

John reported that this committee met at Bob and Susan DeLuca's home in Warner. All members of the committee did a lot of work and a great job. "This should be the best bee school yet!"

Troy asked if there is a capacity limit. John said that 75 people can be seated at the tables in the Media Center.

Bee School Posters

There was a discussion as to where posters had been put up and where more could be added. There are extra posters for those people who would be willing to put some up in their area.

They will be available after today's meeting for distribution.

Marilyn Milne is offering help to the new presenters at bee school, if needed.

Bee School Raffle

There is something new from the bee school committee in regard to the raffle held during bee school. It was decided that the donated package of bees will be for one of the 2023 bee school students only. Even though others can join the raffle, it was felt that the bee package should be specifically for one of the students.

Laurie Hardt stated that there are some items from last year's raffle that were never picked up. These items will be donated to the 2023 raffle.

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NOVEMBER 2021 KBA MEETING NOTES

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KBA Library

Marilyn Milne brought up this subject. John Chadwick shared the following information.

The KBA library is presently housed in a closet at the Tech Center in Newport. Martina, our previous librarian, does not have any of it. We are looking for someone to manage the library. It needs to be inventoried. Some books are at the apiary as well. It is our hope that books can be brought to the meetings for members to be able to sign them out.

Patrice Fredette and Kim Pease volunteered to be librarians for the club. Patrice will be the main librarian, and Kim will be the assistant.

Nominating Committee

John Chadwick said that this committee has not officially met yet, but they do have some people in mind for the new officers.

January 2023 Meeting Change

KBA Business Meetings are usually held the second Saturday of the month. January 14th is the first day of the 2023 Bee School. Kim Pease made a motion to change the January meeting to January 7th, 2023. It will be held at the Warner Town Hall if this location is available. Motion was seconded by Eric DeKIng. All were in favor.

Guest Speaker Committee

Susan Menard and Kim Pease are co-chairing this committee. Kim has arranged for Tucka Bee for today's meeting. Susan has booked Landi Simone (via Zoom) for the March meeting.

Landi's topic will be " Alternative Swarm Control."

Bam suggested Troy Hall's "Treatment Free" discussion which will be presented online December 7th, 2022 to the Beekeepers Guild in Michigan. Kim Pease will add the link to our Facebook page.

Newsletter

Marilyn Milne stated that she tries to get the newsletter out by the 1st of each month. If you have any information you would like added to the newsletter, please send her an email: calico.keeper@gmail.com

New KBA Logo and Vote

Diane Mancino has set up a voting station with 4 designs to choose from. There is a box by the door. We may possibly end up with 2 designs if we need to. She is using the Ink Factory in Claremont and going for an embroidered logo. She stated that they may offer a screenprint as well. John Chadwick asked about the colors of the shirts. Diane said the colors will be proposed after the design is chosen.

Website

There was a discussion about what to do about spam emails that officers and other chairpersons have received. Betsey McNaughten wants to discuss at the January meeting whether emails and phone numbers should be put on the website and/or what we can do to eliminate spam emails.

Business Meeting was Adjourned at 9:50.



Join Troy Hall as he presents "**Coming Back from the Brink— Commercial Treatment Free Beekeeping**" on line December 7th, 2022 . Hosted by the Sustainable Beekeepers Guild of Michigan.

In the spring of 2021 Troy lost 90 percent of his apiary. He will share his thoughts around what caused the collapse and how he built back up to his former colony numbers and then some.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAucOqrrD0pH9Tnuh8b9D2hcZyYkmaqZld7>

[Home - Sustainable Beekeepers Guild of Michigan \(sbgmi.org\)](http://Home - Sustainable Beekeepers Guild of Michigan (sbgmi.org))



November 20th was a cold windy day. Thank you to those who went to the apiary for the hive wrapping HOW. Looks like our girls are wrapped up snug for the winter!

KBA APIARY UPDATES

Apiary events ended with Dana and a group of volunteers wrapping the hives and nucs. Some got wrapped with roofing paper, while others got rigid foam. Every hive/nuc got at least 1 inch of rigid foam insulation under the lid. The apiary was picked up, lawn mower put into the shed for the winter. Now we keep our fingers crossed and hope they all survive till next spring! If we can avoid buying bee's next spring it will be a huge win for the club.

Kim Pease will give a HOWS on candle making December 10th at her home. Keep an eye on FB invites and email updates from Kim.

January if things warm up we can all snowshoe up to the apiary and look for signs of life. Maybe someone will bring their flir imaging phone app? I have a stethoscope that I usually use to check for bee sounds.

Once again, thank you to everyone who attended the HOWS and helped out around the apiary.

Happy Holidays to all,

Shreve

***** 2022 Harvest Dinner *****

Each year everyone looks forward to the Harvest Dinner. 2022's Dinner did not disappoint and much fun, great food and good times were had by all. Thank you to all who contributed to make the Dinner as well as Saturday's meeting and guest speaker, such a wonderful success!



Congratulations to Gerald Patenode and Marilyn Milne, co-winners of this year's honey tasting contest!



Tucka Bee (Tucka Bee LLC) joined us and shared information on her management techniques and successes, including catching swarms and queen rearing.

2022/23 KBA CALENDAR

Month/ Date	Time	Location	Topic	Mentor
Dec 10, Saturday	TBD	TBD	Candle Making	Kim Pease
Jan 7, Saturday	9:00	Warner Town Hall	KBA Regular Meeting / KBA Elections	
Jan 14–Feb 11 Saturdays	9:00	Sugar River Tech	KBA 2023 Bee School Sessions	

Quick Reads and FYIs

[Beehive Wraps for the Winter - Backyard Beekeeping \(iamcountryside.com\)](https://iamcountryside.com)

[To wrap or not to wrap your hives for winter - Honey Bee Suite](#)

[What Happens to Bees in the Winter? - Backyard Beekeeping \(iamcountryside.com\)](https://iamcountryside.com)

[Beekeeping in Winter | Important Tasks - Carolina Honeybees](#)



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