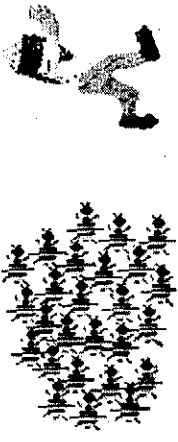


# Kearsarge Beekeepers Association



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## Next Meeting-

February 14, 2009

Time- 10 am

Place- Pillsbury

Library Warner,

NH

## Topic- Fine Tuning

### Bee School

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## This Month's Meeting

This month our meeting is really several weeks ahead of schedule. The club wanted to meet before bee school to finalized and fine-tune bee school. If you are a presenter, please try to come to the meeting. If you have handouts that you would like to have copied, please bring those. Bring your questions and comments to the meeting.

Everyone else who wants to help with bee school or is helping please try to attend. Bring your questions and comments as well so that we can finish our plans for bee school. Those that are going to help with refreshments please contact Martha Naylor if you can't come to the meeting. She will need to know what you can bring and which date you plan to bring in your items. See page 2 for more bee school information and phone numbers.

## Minutes From Last Month's Meeting

Last month our treasurer told us that only 13 members have rejoined KBA. Please note that a dues form is in this month's newsletter as well as a bee school registration form. If you have mailed in your dues consider handing the form to someone you know that might be interested in joining. If you are a member, you will be able to attend bee school for free so feel free to pass along the bee school form to someone that maybe interested in starting in bees.

Our name, Kearsarge Beekeepers Association, has been registered with the state with the help of Keith Cutting. Thank you, Keith. Other expenses included our gift of bees in the Heifer Project, web domain and name, office supplies, donation to the Warner Library and the speaker for the September meeting.

As for the election officers, everyone decided to commit to another year. The secretary cast one ballot to reelect the officers. The club needs to put together a constitution and by-laws. If anyone can help with this please contact Peter Zak.

The state beekeepers' Association, for various reasons, decided to not have a booth at the Farm and Forest this year. The club had wanted to have some pamphlets at the booth for those that would be interested in bee school. Richard Brewster made a motion to have someone contact the state beekeepers' association about not informing the other bee clubs about their decision. Everyone seconded it and it passed. Peter and Mary will be writing the letter to the state association.

Everyone is pitching in to help with Bee School beginning with Richard Brewster who has put the information in the Market Bulletin, Intertown Record, Andover Beacon and on the Andover TV channel. Be sure to keep an eye out for those papers. If you can put up posters or have the bee

school information placed in your local paper please let Pebbles know. Pebbles and Mary will be ordering a book from Penn State to use for Bee School. Peter had brought this book in to a couple of meetings for everyone to check out. Cost will be \$10. Richard Brewster has contacted Aiden Marshall to set aside some bee packages for the bee school participants that want to start bees this year. Those that are participants need to contact Richard Brewster at the first bee school to get more information.

## Other Notes From the Meeting

Peter made the comment that deep hive bodies/supers are on their way out. It's no wonder as they sure are hard to pick up with all that honey. Richard Brewster mentioned that everyone should be treating for nozema in the Spring as well as the Fall. Another note that someone suggested was to have two different kinds of bees in your bee yard. This will serve as a help as you watch the different hives as to who will survive. You can always gain knowledge and insight as you watch your hives.

The club is looking for a speaker for the Sept meeting. Randy Fleury stated that he would like to know more about pest control without the use of chemicals. It was brought up that Ross Conrad, who lives in VT, wrote a book on Natural Beekeeping. Randy is going to try and contact Ross to see if he would like to come to the Sept meeting.

Richard Brewster said that he called Bee Culture magazine to renew his subscription and stated that he belonged to KBA. Bee Culture took his word and gave Richard a discount. If you are going to get a renewal or a subscription be sure to ask about the discount for belonging to a bee club.

## Calendar of Events

-Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Farm and Forest in Manchester, NH

-Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 10am KBA Meeting to finish bee school

-Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1-4 pm Bee School

-Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm Bee School

-Mar 21<sup>st</sup> 1-4 pm Bee School

-April 4<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm Bee School

-April Hiving, Time, Date and Location TBA

-May 8<sup>th</sup> KBA's Meeting Time, Date and

Location TBA

## Thank You's

-to Linda Hartman for opening up the library

-to Pillsbury Library for having us

-to all who brought refreshments.

-to all who brought raffle items & who brought tickets

## Bee School for 2009

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association will be holding Bee School for four weeks for all those that are interested in having bees for their gardens or just are interested in bees and plan to do bees later. Bees will greatly increase your pollination of fruit whether it is vegetables or fruit trees and others. At Bee School, the club will get you started in this fascinating hobby with the basic knowledge to set up a hive. From there the club will support you in whatever way possible to help you with your questions as you go through the bee year.

Bee School will be held at the new middle school, Kearsarge Regional Middle School, in Sutton NH. A map will be provided in the registration booklet for those that aren't familiar with the Kearsarge schools.

Dates for the School are as follows with the time being from 1 to 4 pm each day:

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - Colony Organization  
Equipment

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> - Starting with Bees  
Colony Management

Managing Maladies  
Troy Hall presenter  
Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> - Honey Production  
Honey Processing

No presenter at press time. Can you help??

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Summary and Questions

Anything else that needs to be covered

Richard Brewster presenter

April ? - Hiving

The date, time and place will be decided once the bees are ordered

Thanks to Pebbles and Randy Fluery for organizing Bee School and those that have helped Pebbles to select the dates, topics, came forward to be presenters, and to Martha Naylor for organizing the refreshments during the break. If you can help out with refreshments please give Martha a call (863-1136). She will be glad to give you ideas for donations of food or if you can't do food consider a monetary donation towards the paper products or beverages.

Please note that at the fourth class Richard Brewster will be providing the following for a drawing with the tickets going for \$5 each or three for \$10:

One three pound package of bees with a Carniolan queen with the following second hand equipment;

-outer cover, inner cover, four medium hive bodies, one queen excluder, one 1" shim, one 3" shim, one screen bottom board and one bottom board. The value of this equipment if brought new would be over \$100 plus shipping. When you add the value of the package of bees the value is now over \$200.

Randy Fluery will be donating the frames for this hive with wax foundation. Thank you Richard and Randy for putting together this raffle for Bee School.

Richard Brewster will also be raffling off hive bodies and other parts using his infamous card raffle. This will be to all who are present at the fourth bee school date.

### **In Need of Package Bees..**

Richard Brewster has offered to anyone that has ordered bees from Be-Line Apiaries in Hudson, NH to pick yours up when he picks up his on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Call Alden Marshall at BE-Line Apiaries (883-6764) to place your order. When you call tell Alden (or his wife) that Richard Brewster from KBA will be picking up the package(s). The ad in the Market Bulletin has listed honeybee pkgs., 3 lbs. with a laying Italian queen at \$75 each or Carniolan at \$80 each with extra queens at \$18-22 each. The packages will be available April 15-18. Please note that Alden picks up the bees in Georgia and then drives them back to NH.

If you want 5 frame nucs with a laying queen, the price is \$95 each and will not be available till late May or early June. Alden's address to send checks to is 5 Burton St., Hudson, NH 03051.

If you want Richard to pick up your bees give him a call at 735-5457 and let him know how many packages and what type of queen(s). He has graciously offered to do this service as he said "I'm going to Hudson anyway and will be glad to do it for you."

**Please do this ASAP if you are going to order bees for this year.**

### **Note to the Editor**

Tell Karen to keep up the good work in the newsletter. Has to be the best one in New England. The Best of Bee years - Ben and Bev Chadwick.

Thank you, Ben and Bev! You should know that Peter Zak, KBA's president said almost the same thing at the last meeting. Thanks to Peter and everyone for enjoying the newsletter. Karen

### **A Note on the Article on the next 8 pages...**

The article on the next several pages was in the Heifer International newsletter that just came out in January-a couple of weeks after our Holiday Get-Together. I thought that it was very timely with our club having just collected a donation of two hives for their project.

I have tried in the past to get Heifer to let us know where our donation of hives was going but they weren't able. Now we have some idea of who KBA may have been helping out! Enjoy the article.

### **DISCOVERIES**



MARK WILSON/GLOBE STAFF/IF

**DWINDLING NUMBERS** -- There is new information on the mysterious decline in the bee population. Three-fifths of US honeybee deaths may be the result of Colony Collapse Disorder, the malady of unknown cause that has devastated hives since 2006, according to a study released last week by PLoS One, an online publisher of research papers. US beekeepers lost about 36 percent of their hives between September 2007 and March, and in 60 percent of those cases, the hives were found uninhabited, the study said. Bee disappearance is a sign of the disorder, which may cause them to flee their hives.

# KBA 2009 Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to have the above information shared with other members?: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues for 2009 is \$15 per family

Dues paid: \_\_\_\_\_ (make check to K.B.A.)

Send dues to

**Mary Lloyd-Evans**  
**P. O. Box 88**  
**East Andover, NH 03231**

*Mary Lloyd-Evans* (Treasurer)

*Thank You!!!*