

**Next Meeting-March
13, 2010
Time-10am
Place- Pillsbury
Library in Warner,
NH
Topic - Sustainable
Beekeeping and Bee
breeding**

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763-5127

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735-5058

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This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on a Saturday, as all the winter meetings are, to make driving easier. If it does snow on the meeting day, please call your officers to see if we will still be having the meeting.

At this coming meeting we're very pleased to have Mike Palmer coming to speak with us about sustainable beekeeping and bee breeding. Mike is a successful commercial beekeeper from Vt. who has been working to produce local queens and bees that are more suited to our climate. He also overwinters nucleus colonies. You won't want to miss it!

We will also be reviewing and voting on the new by-laws.

***** Special Spring Refresher and Potluck *****

There will be an extra meeting for people who want to review spring colony management, hiving and any other questions. Troy Hall is hosting this at his home in Plainfield on April 10 at 10am. There will be a potluck lunch to follow. Please call Troy (252-9564) to let him know if you are coming. There will be a space limit of 20-25. Rain date will be April 17 at 10am.

Directions: From the south, head north on I-89. Take exit 20. Take a left at bottom of the exit onto route 12A south for 4.5 miles. You will pass Edgewater farm stand. Troy's house is about 1/4 mile past that on the right, and there is a "Honey for sale" sign in the driveway. Its 374 Route 12A, Plainfield.

Minutes From January Meeting

It was our big annual meeting for reports, elections and planning the 2010 agenda.

Mary presented the treasurer's report for '09. Bee school and book sales helped revenue quite a bit. Membership dues were payable in January and as of Jan. meeting many still needed to pay their 2010 dues.

A motion was passed to donate \$100 to the Pillsbury Library for our use of this meeting place for 2008 and 2009. A motion was also passed to donate \$75 to the state beekeepers association to help pay for the liability insurance for the bee clubs.

Peter gave the president's report. He reported that David Hartman had worked up a set of by-laws but Peter recommended postponing a vote on them until next meeting when new officers would be in place.

Peter thanked Karen for her years of service as secretary and gave her a beeeautiful bee-decor mug as a thank you.

Peter conducted the election of officers. He is stepping down as president but we are oh-so -glad he's not going anywhere. What would we do without his sense of humor?

Our newly elected president is Troy Hall. Troy has been a beekeeper for 6 years and in KBA for 2 yrs. He

has been on the boards of 2 non-profits. He joined the club to meet other beekeepers and was pleased to be nominated for president. We are glad he accepted!

Cynthia Hayes was re-elected as vice president. Mary Lloyd-Evans was re-elected as treasurer. Robin Gray volunteered to assist Mary with this job.

Gayle Bates was elected secretary. She has minimal experience with word processing, typing, and computers and sees this as a learning opportunity.

We also discussed meeting times and topics for this upcoming year. That follows under "calendar".

Richard and Deanne Shore volunteered to host the summer picnic at their home. Thanks!

Richard Brewster and Peter Zak have volunteered to be our representatives to the state beekeepers meeting. Thank you both.

People were reminded about the **club website**, www.kbanh.org which Mike Bellino maintains. It has club info. plus links to other sites that people find helpful as well as products sold by club members. You can send sites to Mike for posting.

Edith Stearns and her husband Dan also demonstrated the battery operated "Bee-Z-Smoker" that they have developed. It starts up quickly with the press of a button and generates smoke on-demand. Pretty nifty.

The recurring theme of the meeting was thanks and more of those follow on page 2.

Other News

Cynthia Hayes says get your bee tees now. Believe it or not warm weather will come. These custom bee club tees are cute (or handsome as the case may be). If we order enough we can get them for \$12/each. Please let her know if you're interested (763-5127 or at the meeting).

Please give/send membership dues to Mary if you haven't already. Its \$15/ year. Her address is: P.O. Box 88, East Andover, NH 03231. If you've updated your Email address please let her know. Thanks.

Karen said that the grant for the top-bar hive project has definitely been approved by the state! She will be contacting the people who have signed up to participate so that they can get together to do some paperwork and pay their portion of the cost. Karen will give more of an update at our March meeting.

Farm and Forest Expo

The annual expo happened Feb. 5 & 6 in Manchester at the Radisson. The place was packed this year and there was HUGE interest in, you guessed it, beekeeping! Wendy Booth, the treasurer of the NH State Beekeepers gave 2 standing-room-only talks about beekeeping and her enthusiasm was

Farm and Forest Expo continued..

contagious. There was a steady stream of people at the bee booth sponsored by the state bee club asking questions about everything from the advisability of setting up beehives near a neighbor's swimming pool to where to buy raw honey. Many people had heard about bee problems on the news and that had raised their awareness and interest in beekeeping.

The state club is the parent organization for the local clubs and members from around the state help staff the booth. Several of our members volunteered this year and Wendy wished to thank Richard , Peter, Mary and Gayle for helping out. Also, Wendy's talks at the Expo allowed the club to operate the booth without paying the usual fee.

***** More Thank You *****

Last but not least;

We want to thank Peter and Karen for their years of dedicated service.

As our president, Peter not only led us effectively but he never passed up a chance to make a joke. I for one won't forget his explanation, at the beginning of the Jan. meeting, of how certain articles of clothing worked. We thank you for all your guidance and warmth and are so glad you will still be at the meetings.

As our secretary, Karen has entertained, informed and educated us by keeping track of meeting minutes and publishing the newsletter. She has also shared her enthusiasm for all things agricultural and generously given her time and energy most recently to get the top bar hive grant. Thank you so much.

Raffle

Don't forget to bring in some raffle items to help pay for the newsletter postage. Ideas for raffle items are homemade things, books, eggs, baked goods, hive equipment or anything bee related!

Looking for..

As always, looking for anything bee related; articles, cartoons, recipes etc... for the newsletter.

Catch a Mistake

We try to include something for everyone. Since some people enjoy finding errors, we regularly feature some in the newsletter.

Calendar

- To Cynthia for agreeing to serve another term as Vice President and for her work as librarian
- To Mary for serving another term as treasurer and all the many other things she does
- To Robin Gray for volunteering to help with treasurer role
- To Linda Hartman for being the liaison with the Pillsbury Library and setting things up so nicely before our meetings, making the coffee, etc...
- To Mike Bayko for his involvement with the state association over many years and his big contribution to the library material
- To Mike Bellino for being the KBA webmaster and all the work he's done
- To the Naylor family (not sure if you were thanked before) for the wonderful food you brought for bee school

-Thanks to all of you who brought snacks for meetings, donated raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets.

-Many thanks from Gayle to the Bookers; Karen, Lee and Brian for their tutoring and support with the computer program and everything else for the newsletter

-March 13 10am KBA's regular meeting at Pillsbury Library with speaker Mike Palmer (see page 1)

-March 20 NHBA Spring meeting 9am to 3pm in Northwood. Speaker on CCD. www.nhbeekeepers.org

-April 10 10am Spring Refresher meeting and potluck at Troy Hall's

-April 23 & 24 Organic Beekeeping Principles and Practices with Ross

Conrad and Chris Harp
www.pfeiffercenter.org

-May 14 7pm KBA's regular meeting. Topic beeswax candle making with Mary Lloyd-Evans

-June NHBA Summer Meeting at Musterfield Farm in Sutton

-July 11 (Sunday) KBA Annual picnic will be at the Shore's home

-Sept. 10 7pm KBA's regular meeting. We will be looking for a speaker, possibly an entomologist or botanist

-Nov. 12 Thanksgiving Potluck