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NEXT CLUB MEETING

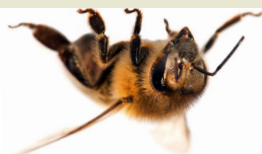
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

7:00 to 9:00 pm

**Hybrid
In-person
and on Zoom**

Norfolk Agricultural High
School

400 Main Street
Walpole, MA



Dear Fellow Beekeepers,

As we enter the fall season and our club meetings start back up, I want to remind everyone that service to the club is important. The board has a lot they do and can always use new people, new ideas, and new commitments to helping run the club. In the newsletter, we are looking for three positions to be filled until next June when we elect a new board: Treasurer, corresponding Secretary (Newsletter/Indesign), and Membership. Please contact me directly if you are interested in either of these positions.

I also encourage those that can to attend the meetings in person. I know a lot of people now live further away due to people joining our club during covid, but we still encourage those that live locally to attend the meetings in person. It is just so nice to meet face to face and have wonderful conversations before the meetings or after. It is a way to make new friends and strengthen the spirit of our club.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting, whether in person or virtually.

Yours in Beekeeping,

Tony Luluk
(The Bee Man)

NCBA Meeting September 11th

We'll be meeting at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School at 400 Main Street, Walpole, MA.

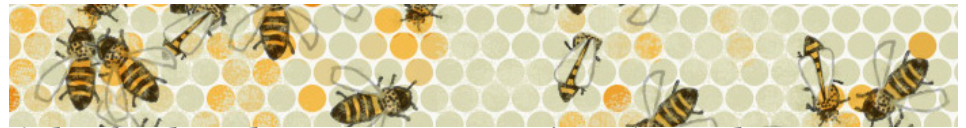
We'll have a social time between 7-7:30PM and the meeting "Winter Preparation Review" will run from 7:30-9 PM.

The NCBA Board has been concerned about monthly meeting attendance (both in-person and virtual. We wanted to see if a change of start time might make

a difference. The Board has surveyed membership about the meeting start time. With 11% of members replying, the results were clear:

1. Members want the meetings to be hybrid, in-person and Zoom.
2. Members would like the meetings to start earlier, at 7 versus 7:30.

Meeting time will be voted on at the next Board meeting



A look ahead... Future Meeting Agendas

October 2, 2023 Topic: Single Brood Box configuration

NCBA BOARD MEMBERS
2022-2024

PRESIDENT
Tony Lulek

VICE PRESIDENT
Mohamad Khalil

TREASURER
Open Position

RECORDING SECRETARY
Edward Rock

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
Open Position

MEMBERS AT LARGE
Carin Cohen, Joel Richards,
and Jenna Tibbetts

NCBA BEE SCHOOLS:

INTRODUCTORY SCHOOL DIRECTOR
Tony Lulek

INTRODUCTORY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR
Dana Wilson

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
DIRECTOR**
Ed Szymanski

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR
Marian Szymanski

NCBA TECH GURU
Greg Rushton

APPAREL
MaryBeth Noonan and Maureen Harrington

DOOR PRIZE/RAFFLE
Kara Sullivan

HOSPITALITY
Rose Thornton and Carin Cohen

EXTRACTORS
Brianda Younie

MEMBERSHIP/FACEBOOK/GOOGLE
Open Position
Deb Spielman

LIBRARIAN
Michael Simone

PROGRAMS
Ed and Marian Szymanski

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS
Lara Davis

3 NCBA Roles Open-Volunteer NOW!

The NCBA Board has TWO positions open, and ONE committee position open.

Corresponding Secretary. Our current CS, Kevin Keane, had to step back so he can spend *even more* time at work.

The primary responsibility of the CS is to attend the monthly Board meetings and create and publish the monthly newsletter (the newsletter you are reading right now). The job is interesting, creative.

Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Stephen Green passed away in June, 2023, leaving us all saddened and missing our club Treasurer. This

position requires maintaining the club's bank accounts, managing our "check book", and submitting periodic tax documents and "tax exempt status" to the state.

Membership. Rose Thornton is stepping away from this role. Membership manages the database of members and coordinates our annual membership dues/renewal process.

Joining the board is a great way to get involved in the club, further beekeeping in Norfolk County, meet great beekeepers, and develop new friendships.

Please reach out to Tony Lulek if you are interested.

NCBA Queen Program

NCBA began subsidizing a queen program in 2021. The purpose was to improve the genetics of local beekeepers hives with locally sourced and proven queens.

This season we've had 104 requests for certificates (50% off a locally sourced queen).

With everything else being equal, by improving the genetics of the queens in our hives, beekeepers should be able to improve mite resistance, and winter survival rates.



Steven Green Memorial Walk

Saturday, September 23, 2023
at 10AM

Event Sponsored by
Franklin & Bellingham Rail
Trail Committee

Meet at the Grove St
Trailhead Parking, Franklin
MA: GPS 42.061871,-71.428239

Public · Anyone on or off
Facebook can join.



See the invitation at:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/honoring-stephen-green-memoria/321484740319690/>



Board Meeting Minutes 8/21/23

NCBA BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 21, 2023

7:05 to 8:10 pm

Attending:

Tony Lulek
Mohamad Khalil
Ed Rock
Dana Wilson
Joel Richards
Ed Szymanski
Greg Rushton
Mike Simone
Brianda Younie
Roger Q. Hill

NCBA Board Minutes

August 21, 2023 – 7:05 PM-8:10 PM

President's Update – Tony L

Queen Program – seemed to be successful this year (currently 104 queens certificates have been distributed to date)

Possibly reach out to MDAR to add more bee inspectors-members are struggling to get inspections for anything but emergencies

Vice President's Update – Mo

Memorial for Stephen Greene – we should consider options

NCBA – beekeeper of the year award – consider how we might recognize a club beekeeper service

Rose Thornton is stepping back from doing membership. We will need a club member to volunteer for this role.

Move club meeting start time to 7

The Board of Directors Meeting is the third Monday of each month.

It's held at 7:00pm via a Zoom Video Meeting.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

from 7:30 – we will survey the start time to see if the club has a start-time preference.

Update Master Beekeeper scholarship with a specific commitment to club service (supporting professional development)

Treasurer Update – (Tony L. covering)

Bank balance \$35,727.91 of 8/21/23

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Two checks have recently been cleared for scholarships and Norfolk County Agricultural High

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School facility Fee.

QuickBooks need to be updated
Financials on hold until we get
a full time treasurer in place.

Recording Secretary: Minutes –
Ed R

No new business

Corresponding Secretary – Open
Position

No new business

Ed Rock will cover the
newsletter in the short term

Committees:

Programs – Ed S and Marion

o Upcoming

September – Winter Prep

October – Single Box Brood
Chambers

More details to come for later
sessions

NCBA Intro to Bee School –
Tony and Dana

**o the registration up now for Bee
School 2024!**

**o Dana has put the 2024 calender
of classes up**

**o All classes will be in person
this year**

Intermediate Bee School – Ed &
Marion

**o Two classes in September
following summer break**

**o And then planning starts for
2024**

Extractors – Brianda Y

**o Very quiet on extractor
requests**

Library – Michael Simone

o Very Quiet this summer

**o Considering getting an online
document management tool
that allows us to “host” articles
and books online.**

**o There is a modest library
usage at bee club meetings (3-5
volumes circulate per meeting)**

Door Prizes – Tara S

o No update at this time

Website – Greg

o We’re up-to-date currently

Membership – Facebook –

Google Groups - Rose & Deb

o No update

**o September starts our
membership renewals**

Bee Apparel – MaryBeth

Noonan and Maureen

Harrington

o No update

Calendar Committee – Jenna
Tibbetts

o No update

Nominating Committee

o Nothing new

Scholarships and Grants - Lara
Davis

**o 2 scholarship winners have
cashed their checks...**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:10
PM**

NCBA Scholarship

It's never too soon to start preparing! Are you or your child pursuing higher education? Apply for a NCBA Scholarship! NCBA provides scholarships of \$1000 to members in good standing or their children. Applications are due May 31st, and can be found at norfolkbees.org. Please email Lara Davis at scholarships@norfolkbees.org for more information.

**WHAT IS A BEE'S
FAVORITE BOOK?**

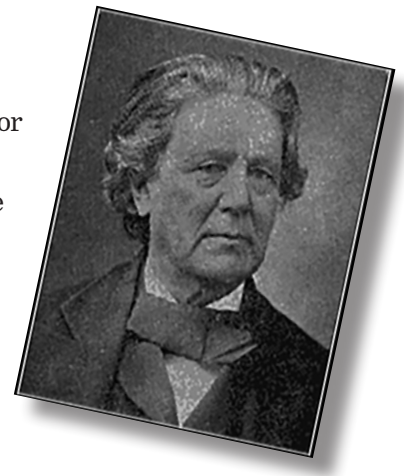
THE GREAT GATS-BEE.



Get involved with the NCBA

The NCBA runs on the interest and enthusiasm of its members. We encourage everyone to get involved with the club. Come to a board meeting.

Meetings run every month from late August-June. The meetings last about an hour and we plan for the upcoming club meetings as well as for special events and the seasonal demands of the beekeepers' year. Meetings are on Zoom. Plus, we are very nice people. If you're interested, email Tony Lulek.





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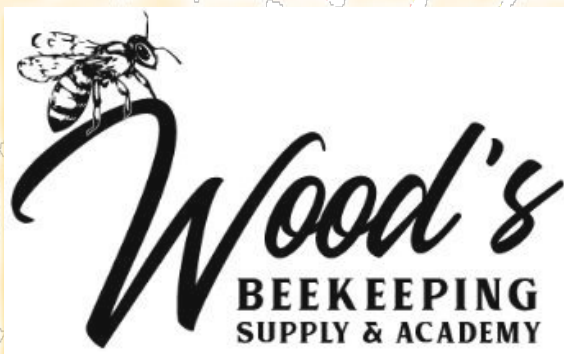
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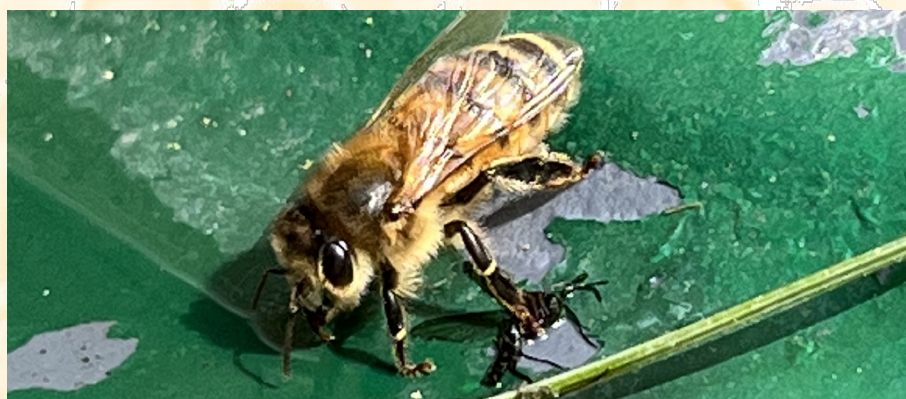


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