

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022

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We'll be meeting in person and via zoom.

NOTICE: People may choose to mask at any time. We'll be using social distancing. If you do not feel well please remain at home and join via zoom.

Welcome and call meeting to order

- Any new and guests members – please introduce themselves

➤ **Business Meeting**

- Minutes - (attached) Please review.
- Treasurer's Report
- Donation Station this month/If interested – please bring an item for the table
- PBBA upcoming presentations
 - SLSC hosting a Pollinator Party on 7/12/22 Review on how it went
- **Heather Achilles – August guest speaker – Bring us up to date on hive surveys**

➤ **Bee Talk**

- What's happening in July?
 - Betterbee Field Day – June 25, 2022 Summary of G and ME's field trip
 - **Kim Skyrn, Ph.D** and **Shay Willette** of the Massachusetts State Apiarist Program
 - Kim and Shay discussed what you can expect to see on a frame as a beekeeper (and issues to keep an eye out for)
 - **David T. Peck, Ph.D.**, Betterbee's Director of Research & Education discussed the lifecycle of varroa mites and the importance of monitoring and treating your own hives.
 - Club members discussions on how you're doing with the bees
 - Testing for mites
 - IPM (Integrated Pest Management) – earlier the better!
 - If you have 3-4 mites or more/hundred – Time to treat
 - Depending on what you use – remove honey supers
 - Use of essential oils/fogging
 - Dearth period
 - What to look out for
 - Have you experienced dearth?
 - Need to feed?
 - Swarming
 - "A swarm in May is worth a load of hay; a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon; and swarm in July isn't worth a fly"
 - Fall nectar flow preparation

➤ **Close of Meeting**