



HONEY GUIDES

The Newsletter of the
Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association

www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION



The PPBA generally meets on the third Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October. Due to Covid-19 Coronavirus restrictions, we will be using Zoom to meet in January and probably again in April 2021. The Zoom meeting links will be listed in the newsletters as well as emailed out to all current PPBA members.

Thursday, January 21st, 7pm: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Zoom meeting room will be open at 6:30pm – with the presentation starting promptly at 7pm. Please ensure you are in the room by 7pm!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83122992529?pwd=VGc3dEsxUFAwRThRUjgxTDBPM1liUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 2299 2529

Passcode: 379200

Our speakers in January will be Bruno Matted, talking about “Dead-outs: Now what do I do” and John Hartley and Mike Halby speaking about Late Winter and Early Spring Management, with emphasis on this crazy winter weather we are currently having – what to feed, when to feed, and what to look for over the next few months.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is time for our annual elections, which were scheduled to be held at the January General Membership Meeting. Due to Covid-19, we will be holding the January General Membership meeting on January 21st over Zoom.

The offices to be voted on are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and One Board Member. The inability to gather in a group meeting poses problems that we do not normally have to deal with. In order to complete the election process, we will use the following procedures:

- Names will be placed in nomination by email and must be received by the Secretary not later than 6pm on January 20th (the day before the Zoom meeting).
- The nominations will be announced at the Zoom meeting on January 21st.
- A ballot will be sent to all rostered members by email (and “snail mail” for those without email) following that meeting (within a day or two).
- Votes must be returned to the Secretary not later than February 1st.
- Votes will be tabulated, and the winners announced on February 10th.

Please consider running for office – we need the help and support of our membership to keep our group active!

If you are interested in running for an office in PPBA, please contact Mike Halby, PPBA Secretary, at mandshalby@comcast.net or call 719-528-5483.

2021 MEETING AND EVENT DATES



January 21 st	Election of Officers and General Membership Meeting (via Zoom)
April 15 th	General Membership Meeting
July	El Paso County Fair – dates TBA
July 15 th	General Membership Meeting
Aug	PPBA Picnic - tentative
October 21 st	General Membership Meeting

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN – DUES ARE DUE!

PPBA MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021! PPBA annual dues are \$15.00 per family (non-prorated, payable by cash or check by March 31st each year). Please send Sandy your dues by mailing them to her at the address on the last page of this newsletter.

HELP OUT PPBA – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We need volunteers to help with the following PPBA activities and projects!

MENTORING!! *We need mentors!* If you've been a beekeeper for a while and would like to be a mentor, contact Sandy to update the roster and get hooked up with a beekeeper who may need some help!

PPBA Meeting Program Assistance. Would you be interested in getting guest speakers for our General Membership Meetings? We need a program coordinator! If you have ideas and are willing to contact professional beekeepers (writers, speakers and researchers) and assist in arranging dates (and transportation and lodging, if necessary), please contact Mike Halby (719-528-5483 or mandshalby@comcast.net)



PPBA Guest Speakers. PPBA gets lots of requests for guest speakers at schools, service organizations and local expos or events. Most speaker requests are just for a one-hour long presentation on beekeeping. If you could speak about beekeeping to a school or group, please contact Sandy at 719-528-5483 or e-mail mandshalby@comcast.net.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

WATCH WHERE YOU ARE GETTING YOUR BEES AND QUEENS FROM!! PPBA members - just a reminder: please use caution when ordering queens and bees ... please ensure they are NOT from the southern tier of states (including Texas, southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Florida). There have been reports of "hot" queens (Africanized) coming out of those states. As one queen producer states on their web-site: "Inter-breeding with feral Africanized bees does undoubtedly continue but we take measures to minimize their influence." They try to make sure their mating yards are primarily "safe" drones, but as you can imagine, there's no guarantee that Africanized drones are not present and are not mating with their queens. We want to prevent importing any Africanized bees into Colorado. **Be sure you know where your bee supplier is getting those bees from!!**



HOSTING BEEHIVES! If you want to put a hive on someone's property – we have people who want bees but don't want to be the beekeeper! Some are in town (Colorado Springs) and some are east. Contact Mike or Sandy at mandshalby@comcast.net for more info!

INTEGRATED HIVE MANAGEMENT FOR COLORADO BEEKEEPERS. This booklet is published by Colorado State University and just become available on-line! The sub-title is "Strategies for Identifying and Mitigating Pests and Diseases Affecting Colorado's Honey Bees" and it covers everything from mites to mites! Check it out on this link. BTW - We also have two hardcopies in the PPBA library for check-out.

<http://www.cepep.colostate.edu/Pollinator%20Protection/CSUBeeBookInteractive%20Adobe.pdf>

DRIFTWATCH: FYI, there's a web-site out there called Driftwatch.org. According to their web-site: "DriftWatch™ is a tool for identifying specialty crop sites and to further enhance communications between producers of specialty crops and pesticide applicators that promote awareness and stewardship activities to help prevent and manage drift effects that sometimes occur from spray operations." You can register your beehive location and they will notify you before any pesticides are applied (in rural areas; not intended for sites less than ½ acre).



EXTRACTOR RENTAL: To rent one of the PPBA extractors (we have four manual extractors and most of the other extractor equipment you'll need), visit www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org, select the "Extractor Rental Info" tab and follow the instructions there. **Remember, the extractor and equipment will be clean when you pick it up and it will need to be cleaned prior to return or you will forfeit your deposit.** Hot water and soap at the coin operated car wash is the quickest and easiest method for initial cleaning. Then, thoroughly rinse with clean water at home. There's also a link on the web-site to a video about cleaning the extractor.

PPBA WEB SITE!! Please visit www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org to see our web-site. The web-site features meeting information and calendar, newsletters, and beekeeping links. There's also a page for members to advertise "For Sale" or "Wanted" beekeeping equipment and beekeeping items. If you have a favorite beekeeping link, please let Mike or Sandy know about it so they can include a link from our web-site.



BEAR DAMAGE!! If you have bear or wildlife damage to your hive, contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife at www.wildlife.state.co.us for information about filing a claim.

PPBA ON FACEBOOK!! PPBA is also on Facebook! If you're a Facebooker – search Pikes Peak Beekeepers and we should pop up. If not, contact Sandy at mandshalby@comcast.net for a direct link.

PPBA OFFICERS

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County Fair	John Hartley	719-495-1251	beeman20@q.com



BEES ON THE INTERNET



Here's some links to web-sites that contain information or entertainment about bees, beekeeping, and honey. There are more links on our own web-page, www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org

Colorado State Beekeepers Assn (CSBA): www.coloradobeekeepers.org

Colorado Professional Beekeeping Association (CPBA): www.coloradoprobeekeeping.org

The National Honey Board: <http://www.honey.com>

The Honey Locator: www.honeylocator.com. The Honey Locator is a service provided by the National Honey Board. It's a database-driven Web site which allows you to search for honey and honey suppliers in many different ways.

Bee Culture magazine is at www.beeeculture.com and Bee Journal magazine is: www.dadant.com/journal

University of Minnesota Bee Lab: www.extension.umn.edu/honeybees/index.html Dr. Marla Spivak and Gary Reuter have a great web-site, full of super links, on-line courses and information.

Randy Oliver's web-site is: www.scientificbeekeeping.com

And, general information for beekeepers is: www.beesource.com

BEES IN THE NEWS

"First came real milk proteins without cows, then egg proteins without chickens, and collagen without animals ... and now honey, minus the bees?" Learn how some are making honey without honeybees – what are the drawbacks and benefits?

[Real honey... without bees? Berkeley-based startup MeliBio gears up for launch in late 2021 \(foodnavigator-usa.com\)](http://foodnavigator-usa.com)

PIKES PEAK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Annual dues - \$15 (Please make check payable to: Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association.)

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