NLBKA
Newfoundland and Labrador Beekeeping Association

Provincial Workshop

November 3 – 5, 2017
Mt. Peyton Hotel, GrandFalls, NL

DRAFT AGENDA

Friday, November 3, 2017

12:00 – 3:00	Registration		Mount Peyton Hotel
2:00	Practical Workshop		Mount Peyton Hotel
	A. How Inspections Work	Mary Colpitts	
4:30 – 10:00	Visit to Exploits Farm Apiary BBQ and Meet and Greet	Rodney Reid & Brad Smith	Exploits Farm, Bishop's Falls

Saturday, November 4, 2017 **Mount Peyton Hotel**

Morning:

8:00	Registration & Breakfast		
8:45	Welcome	Catherine Dempsey	President NLBKA
9:00	Keynote Address Sustainable Beekeeping in Isolated Locations	Fletcher Colpitts	Beekeeper, New Brunswick
9:45	Results from NLBKA Overwintering Survey	Dr. Stephen Walsh &	NLBKA Research Committee
10:15	Bee research at Grenfell Campus	Dr. Julie Sircom	Asst Prof. Mun Grenfell
10:45	Nutrition Break		
11:00	Panel Discussion Overwintering Practices and Disease and Pest Management	Gerard Smith Robyn McCallum Karen Kennedy Fletcher Colpitts	
12:00	Luncheon & Prov. Presentation Effects Of New Crops Plantings for Bees, And Encouraging Commercial Beekeeping	Agrifoods Rep	Invited Dave Jennings
1:00	The Lighter Side of Beekeeping	Mary Colpitts	
1:30	Provincial Report on Beekeeping	Karen Kennedy	Provincial Apiarist
2:00	Swarm Management Techniques Demaree method Swarm Traps	Peter Armitage Dr. Dan Price Fletcher Colpitts TBD	
3:00	Nutrition Break		
3:30	Pathogen Crossover and Pollination (Native Pollinators and Honey Bees)	Dr. Barry Hicks Dr. Robyn McCallum	
4:15	End of Afternoon Session		
7:00	Banquet Developing a Tech Transfer Program for Newfoundland	Dr. Robyn McCallum	

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:00	Breakfast	
8:30	Hive Comparisons The Pros and Cons	Fletcher Colpitts
9:15	Urban Regulations for Beekeepers	Catherine Dempsey
9:45	Priorities for next Workshop/Regional Discussions	

Presenters:

Fletcher and Mary Colpitts

Fletcher Colpitts is a third generation beekeeper from the Petitcodiac area in New Brunswick.

His love, understanding and ability to work and keep bees is a lifetime passion. Fletcher and his wife Mary have practical beekeeping experience from their many years of maintaining hundreds of hives. They have been able to sustain their operation by producing their own bees and equipment. They have produced for sale bees, wax, candles, natural wax foundation and liquid or comb honey. They also rent their hives out to do pollination services to the blueberry growers in New Brunswick.

Fletcher and Mary are also contracted by the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries of New Brunswick. Fletcher is the Chief Apiary Inspector responsible for hive health in the province. They enjoy meeting and working with their fellow beekeepers to help them maintain strong healthy colonies.

Dr. Robyn McCallum

As part of the Atlantic Tech Transfer Team for Apiculture (ATTA), Robyn works with beekeepers and lowbush blueberry growers to improve the pollination capacity within the region. She is focused on improving bee health and nutrition, improving disease and pest monitoring and management, and improving overwintering success. Robyn is involved in both research and extension work as part of ATTTA. She has recently finished her PhD (Biology) where her thesis focused on enhancing lowbush blueberry systems for native pollinators and natural enemies. Robyn and her partner farm about 600 acres in northeastern New Brunswick.

She is a Director with the New Brunswick Young Farmers`Forum and has participated in the Canadian Young Farmers` Forum national roundtable discussions. She is a Professional Agrologist, and is passionate about agriculture.

Dr. Julie Sircom

Dr Julie Sircom is an Assistant Professor in Environmental Science at Grenfell Campus, MUN. She has a BSc honours degree from Acadia University, MSc and PhD degrees from Dalhousie University, and has been working at Grenfell since 2011. She got back into bee research in 2013 at the prompting of Dr Barry Hicks, and is planning to expand her research to include other pollinators. Her research focus is on understanding wild and domestic pollinators to better inform management decisions, and ensure long-term, sustainable pollination services for agricultural crops and natural ecosystems