

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beekeeper Symposium and  
NS Beekeeper Association Annual General Meeting**  
Best Western Glengarry, 150 Willow Street, in Truro  
Feb 21-22, 2020



*\*\*Agenda items may be subject to change without notice\*\**

<b>Friday, Feb 21</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	
<b>9:00 – 9:50</b>	Registration and refreshments (coffee & social)	50 min
<b>9:50 – 10:00</b>	Convene, opening remarks, housekeeping – Marion MacAulay	10 min
<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	Opening remarks from NSBA – Alex Crouse	10 min
<b>10:10 – 10:55</b>	Presentation from Provincial Apiculturist - Jason Sproule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry Statistical Overview</li> <li>• Registration, Beekeeper Responsibilities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inspections &amp; Importation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Major pest and disease updates</li> </ul>	45 min
<b>10:55 – 11:10</b>	European foulbrood and blueberry pollination – Fletcher Colpitts	15 min
<b>11:10 – 11:30</b>	Beekeeper Programs – Programs & Business Risk Management Office	20 min
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	National Bee Diagnostic Centre Services – Dr. Patricia Wolf-Veiga	30 min
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	Lunch (provided)	60 min
<b>1:00 – 1:15</b>	The search for new bee yards: working with TIR and L&F – Rick Hoeg	15 min
<b>1:15 – 1:30</b>	Canadian Honey Council update – Rod Scarlett	15 min
<b>1:30 – 2:15</b>	Main Talk (EFB, Nosema, Queen Health) – Dr. Patricia Wolf-Veiga	45 min
<b>2:15 – 2:25</b>	Shuffle	10 min
<b>2:25 – 3:15</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Breakout Session (divide into 3 groups) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shrews and other rodents – Fletcher Colpitts</li> <li>2. Spring management – ATTTA</li> <li>3. Making/selling/overwintering nucs – Ben Cornect</li> </ol>	50 min
<b>3:15 - 3:25</b>	Shuffle	10 min
<b>3:25 – 4:15</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Breakout Session (divide into 3 groups) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shrews and other rodents – Fletcher Colpitts</li> <li>2. Spring management – ATTTA</li> <li>3. Making/selling/overwintering nucs – Ben Cornect</li> </ol>	50 min
<b>4:15 – 4:20</b>	Shuffle	5 min
<b>4:20 - 4:30</b>	Closing remarks from NSDA – Marion MacAulay	10 min

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Saturday, Feb 22	Day 2	
<b>8:30 - 9:30</b>	Early-riser Concurrent Sessions  1. Commercial Meeting: Prepping for Pollination & Swarm Management- ATTTA <b>OR</b> 2. Small-scale meeting: Varroa Management – Prov. Apiculturist	60 min
<b>9:30 – 9:50</b>	Registration and refreshments (coffee & social)	20 min
<b>9:50 – 10:00</b>	Convene, Housekeeping remarks – Alex Crouse	10 min
<b>10:00 – 10:20</b>	Update from the Atlantic Technology Transfer Team for Apiculture	20 min
<b>10:20 - 10:35</b>	Blueberry Update – Peter Burgess	15 min
<b>10:35 – 12:00</b>	<b>AGM Business Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Agenda</li> <li>• Approval of 2018 Minutes</li> <li>• President’s Report</li> <li>• Financial Report</li> <li>• Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Resolutions</li> <li>• Presentation of Life Membership</li> <li>• Nominating Committee Report &amp; Elections</li> </ul>	85 min
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	Lunch (provided)	60 min
<b>12:45 -1:00</b>	Remarks from Minister of Agriculture – Hon. Keith Colwell	
<b>1:00 – 1:15</b>	NS Federation of Agriculture Update	15 min
<b>1:15 – 1:30</b>	Canadian Honey Council / Apimondia Update – Mario Swinkels	15 min
<b>1:30 – 2:00</b>	Farm Profile – Dave Cameron	30 min
<b>2:00 – 2:10</b>	Shuffle	10 min
<b>2:10 – 3:00</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Breakout Session (divide into 3 groups) 1. Planting Bee Forage - Nancy McLean 2. Beekeeper Etiquette – Kori Maccara 3. Marketing 101: Extracting value from your hives – John Murray	50 min
<b>3:00 – 3:10</b>	Shuffle	10 min
<b>3:10 – 4:00</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Breakout Session (divide into 3 groups) 1. Planting Bee Forage - Nancy McLean 2. Beekeeper Etiquette - Kori Maccara 3. Marketing 101: Extracting value from your hives – John Murray	50 min
<b>4:00 – 4:10</b>	Closing remarks – NSBA	10 min