

KELOWNA BEEKEEPERS, JUNE 14TH, 2021 MEETING

North Okanagan Beekeepers Club Meeting will be taking place this coming Monday, June 14th. Due to Covid restrictions, OK College is still not available to host us at this time. In light of this, and with the success of having meet ups when doing hive inspections, and working the bees we have decided to hold our June meeting at the bee yard on Spiers Rd. We will be starting 1 hour earlier so it will be still light out. Therefore, we will be done before it gets dark. We will start the meeting at 6:00 pm and go until 8:00pm. Our secretary for the club resigned because she moved to Victoria, so we need to elect or appoint another secretary, for the remainder of the term. That term will run till our next AGM in January 2022. We will open the discussion to any questions and concerns that you have. We will also discuss problems faced this year, and what works for fellow beekeepers. We will discuss the borrowing, and use of club resources, such as extractors.

We do have chairs, but if you have a few, you could bring them, just in case more than 30 people show. The meeting will be held in close proximity to the hives (*sometimes bees can be a little temperamental!*) so if you're nervous around bees, feel free to bring your suit. We have suits if you don't have one or forget to bring one. The mosquitoes come out in the evening, so I would suggest long pants and full sleeves, and possibly a veil to keep them off your face. We do have a bunch of tie-on veils at the apiary, if the insects get too bad.

To get to the bee yard, head east on KLO Rd., cross the Mission Creek Bridge, turn right onto Spiers Rd., Then, drive down 300 meters and turn left into the field. It is safe to drive down the road to the apiary, if you so desire. If you are able to join us earlier, we will be going thru the hives, assessing and possibly add supers. We will also pull samples from captured swarms, to test for mites. These beekeeping activities will start at 2:30 pm, so come early to spend the afternoon, and learn beekeeping. Bring a sandwich, water, and stay for the meeting. We will have coffee and water available for those helping out in the early afternoon. Looking forward to the meeting, and hope to see you all there!