



**NBBA - Annual General Meeting Agenda  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Moncton, NB**

**Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm:** Opening remarks. **Chris Lockhart**, Vice-President, New Brunswick Beekeepers Association

**7:15 pm:** Preparing to pollinate: Things you need to know. **Boyd Hicks**, Commercial Beekeeper

**8:00 pm:** ATTTA. Current research trial results. **Dr. Andrew Byers**, Senior Apiculturist, ATTTA

**8:45 pm:** Closing remarks. **Chris Lockhart**



**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm:** Opening remarks. **Roland Michaud**, Board Member, New Brunswick Beekeepers Association

**7:15 pm:** Understanding the immune system of winter honeybees. **Dr. Luc Boudreau**, U of Moncton

**8:00 pm:** How to Grow. Info for newer beekeepers on expanding. **Chris Lockhart**, Commercial Beekeeper

**8:45 pm:** Closing remarks. **Roland Michaud**

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am:** New Brunswick Beekeepers Association Business Meeting Opening remarks. **Chris Davey**, President, New Brunswick Beekeepers Association (Agenda to be e-mailed to current 2022 NBBA Inc members in good standing)



## **GUEST SPEAKER BIO'S**

### **Boyd Hicks**

#### **Commercial Beekeeper, Golden Acres Honey Farm**

Boyd Hicks is the owner and operator of Golden Acres Honey Farms located in Killams Mills has been beekeeping in New Brunswick for over 40 years. Golden Acres manages 1800 hives and focuses mainly on blueberry/cranberry pollination and honey production.

Boyd served many years on the board of directors for the New Brunswick Beekeepers Association and spent several stints as president. Boyd's son Calvin is also a full-time beekeeper with Golden Acres and has also served as president of the NBBA. In 2014, Boyd Hicks hosted the Maritime Bee Tour.

As well as being leaders in blueberry pollination and honey production, the Hicks' have recently added 300 sheep to their farm.

### **Andrew Byers, PhD**

#### **Senior Apiculturist/ATTTA Program Lead**

While growing up and working on farms in northern Nova Scotia, Andrew developed a lifelong interest in animal biology. Looking for opportunities to begin a career in this field, Andrew left Canada and spent over twenty years working and studying abroad. While in England, Andrew was privileged to undertake an MSc at the Royal Agricultural College, an institution that has been at the forefront of agricultural and land-based education for over 175 years. On completion of his masters, Andrew was employed in higher education at several UK higher education institutions before beginning his doctorate studies at the University of Nottingham. Andrew's Ph.D. investigations, related to environmental pollutions and reproductive physiology, significantly progressed the field of both human and animal fertility research. Always willing to learn, Andrew has additionally completed post-graduate qualifications in pedagogy and business management.

His own research interest in environmental biology and the intrigue of colony collapse of honey bees introduced Andrew to beekeeping. On returning to the Maritime region, previous, peripheral involvement in beekeeping became more of a primary focus. He has been very pleased to support the industry through colony inspections for both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as well as be involved with provincial and regional associations. Always an educator, now with a focus on beekeeping, Andrew continues to teach in higher education and keeps honey bees at both his family farm in Northern Nova Scotia and in central New Brunswick.



**GUEST SPEAKER BIO'S Continued...**

**Luc Boudreau, PhD**  
**Associate Professor, University of Moncton**

Luc obtained his masters in biochemistry at the Université de Moncton in 2010. He then received his PhD in microbiology-immunology at the Université Laval in 2012 and then pursued a postdoctoral fellow at the Centre Hospitalier de l'Université Laval in the field of rheumatoid arthritis. Since 2015, he has been a professor at the Université de Moncton in the department of chemistry and biochemistry. His field of research is in immunology, in particular in the innate immunity and the regulation of chronic inflammation. Since 2010, his research work has been cited over 1100 times. He has developed a particular interest in recent years in honeybee derived products and how they regulate inflammation. Since 2019, he has established several collaborations to pursue research on the immune system of honeybees and how it is impacted during winter.

**Chris Lockhart**  
**Commercial Beekeeper, Lockhart Apiaries, Atlantic Gold Honey**

Chris Lockhart is the owner/operator of Lockhart Apiaries Inc. located just outside of Moncton in southern New Brunswick. Lockhart Apiaries manages 1000 hives and specializes in blueberry/apple pollination, queen breeding, nuc sales and honey production.

Chris is heavily involved in the local and national industry. Chris has served as the president of the NBBA and currently sits on the board as VP. Chris is also the Director on the Canadian Honey Council that represents Atlantic Canada.

As well as managing Lockhart Apiaries, Chris also manages a retail honey business called Atlantic Gold Honey. Atlantic Gold is a well-recognized honey brand in both New Brunswick and PEI.