

# The Capital Bee

*The Official Newsletter of The Capital City Beekeepers Association*  
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Holly is in bloom now in early Fall and is a very attractive plant to not honeybees but pollinators of all sort welcomed or otherwise.



# Beekeeper's Almanac

## CONTINUE PREPARING FOR WINTER

- ◆ HIVES SHOULD BE GETTING HEAVY WITH HONEY STORES IF NOT FEED 2 PARTS SUGAR DISSOLVED IN 1 PART WATER (2 TO 1 SYRUP).
- ◆ BEGIN TO THINK OF WINTER PATTIES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING— “GO IN” WITH ONE OR MORE FRIENDS TO BUY IN BULK IF YOU HAVE BUT A FEW COLONIES.



The change is on. Winter is a-coming— prepare.

## The CCBA Farmer's Market

Only Three dates are left for the local CCBA Honey Booth for 2022 at the Franklin County Farmer's Market. These include The holiday Market in Decemeber. Pictured below is member Kay Daniels at the September Booth. October 8th our next.



## MEAD AND THE HONEYMOON

ACCORDING TO MEREWORTH : IT'S THE ORIGINAL APHRODISIAC

“Never mind oysters – mead is where the action is! In fact, the etymology of the word ‘honeymoon’ harks back to the medieval tradition of drinking honey wine for a full moon cycle after a new marriage. It’s claimed that the drink would ensure a fruitful union, bearing plenty of children; so much so that a bride’s father is said to have included a month’s worth of mead in his daughter’s dowry!”



# The 2022 Kentucky State Fair

*The 2022 Kentucky State Fair was August 18-28 and seemed to be at pre-covid attendance again. Members of The CCBA met as in times past, in the parking lot of the Frankfort Walmart early Tuesday morning, August 23rd– Senior Citizen Day. It has been our tradition to work the KSBA honey booth that first half of the day and many did so again. In doing so we give tastings and*

*explain the differences of honey, and all questions beekeeping. It is a good thing to reminisce with folks who in the past had had a grandparent, parent, or other relative that “used to keep bees”. Some folks were even considering to take up the craft and grief conversation on that was had. The 2022 ABF Honey Queen, Lucy Winn was also in attendance. Thanks to who helped.*



Pictured above are the members present and who worked the Kentucky State Beekeeper's Honey Booth at this years Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, Kentucky. For tasting and sell were some of Kentucky's finest hive products. From left to right, are CCBA members Michael Wiley (VP), Lynn Morris (Fair liaison), Donald Gates, Jack Kuhn, Phillip Patterson, Wes Henry (Pres.), Eddie McNutt, and George Fowler (Treasurer).



# The 2022 Kentucky State Fair



Members preparing for guests at the KSBA Booth.



Lynn working with kids making beeswax candles.



Preparing for the day—straightening and arranging stock.



Eddie McNutt giving a tasting .



The line-up of Certified Kentucky Honey.



# The 2022 Kentucky State Fair

Wes Henry and Eddie McNutt alongside the ABF Honey Queen, Lucy Winn.



Jack Kuhn pointing to his blue ribbon for his 4- One pound jars of Amber Honey entry.



Lynn Morris with her blue ribbon for he Black Jar entry, Judged for taste alone.



ASK HOW YOU  
CAN BECOME  
A BEEKEEPER.

The invitation is clear, and the old adage stands true, "If you don't know, ask".



# The 2022 Kentucky State Fair

Displays included the cooking with honey entries as well. Pictured right are pies and pastries and sweets of all sorts and ribbons to prove how they fared.



The blue ribbon Beekeeping Display is pictured left. It includes a frame of capped honey beeswax candles, honey in decorative jars and figurines that have been given to a colony to make comb attached to them and more, artfully and attractively presented.

A display of beekeeping equipment was available for those attending the fair to see and handle. Some are well known to many such as the smoker, but many are not and served as a conversation starter about the keeping of bees. The Fair serves as both as showcase but also the opportunity to educate and inform and to bring others into the craft.



# Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on August 18, 2022.

No scheduled meeting for August.

## General

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Beginning Balance (July 21, 2022) \$2269.98

### Receipts

August Farmers Market Sellers Fees (3)	\$30.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$73.00</b>

### Expenditures

Purchase of honey straws	\$24.05
Donation to County Fair Board	\$115.00
Stipend for fair honey judge	\$75.00
Premiums for fair competition winners	\$150.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$364.05</b>

**Currant Available Balance** \$1935.93

**Checking Account:** \$1885.93

**Cash change fund** \$50.00

### Notes:

Wilson check for August totaled \$191.50 (distributed to 4 members).

The treasurer maintains a \$50.00 cash change fund for use at meetings and events.

The donation to the Fair Board in support of the honey division is calculated on \$1 for each member of the club

### Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (July 21, 2022) \$728.30

#### Receipts

Interest (7/31) \$0.09

**Total Receipts** \$0.09

**Total Expenditures** NONE

**Ending Balance**

**\$728.39**

Submitted by:

George Fowler, Treasurer

# Capital City Beekeepers Association Minutes

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **Program:**

Started at 6:00 pm in the Club Apiary. Hive inspection and mite counts were performed, and treatments applied. Jack Kuhn led. Facebook Live was recorded and posted.

Inside before business meeting Jack continued program on discussion of treatments products and they are administered. Including Formic acid, Apivar, Apigard, Formic Pro Oxalic Acid- drip and vaporizer methods.

## **Business meeting:** Started at 7:40 (15 members in attendance)

**June 2022 Minutes-** Alan Alsip moved, Mike Kamoski seconded, No discussion, Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report-** Alan Alsip moved, Eddie McNutt seconded, discussion: none, Report approved

## **Activity/ Committee reports**

County Fair report: Given by Lynne Morris.

Overall things went pretty good. Sometimes during the week the exhibition hall was not very well attended. Some changes to consider:

Might be to have a honey booth on the midway next year. Need to discuss awards for next year, i.e. "Grand Apiarist, multiple blues, etc. All categories had entries except dark honey, creamed honey, and Senior Youth. Nice display, thanks to all who helped. New categories were good.

## **Library-**

No changes. Open at all meetings.

## **Swarm-**

Dragonmere- Went to extract bees from a tree that was cut.

## **July Honey Booth-**

Kay Daniels, George Fowler, and Marsha Bezold participated. Marsha made and tended the observation hive. Next Honey Booth August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Wes Henry made mention of the club extractor if anyone needed it. It was used and was returned to Dadant's.

## **Old Business**

**Painted Hive by Stacey Luddke-**



Ken and Kay Daniels daughter-in-law has offered to purchase. Officers to discuss and bring an offer to association.

## Capital City Beekeepers Association Minutes cont.

### **Honey Samples-**

Junes newsletter has link to Application and details for securing Sampling Certificate.

### **Ky State Fair-**

Club Work Day- 8/23/22, 10 am -3:30 pm

Members to go as of meeting- Jack Kuhn, Wes Henry, Michael Wiley, Eddie McNutt, Marsha Bezold, Lynn Morris.Meeting at Walmart Parking lot 8:00 am. Shelby County to cover rest of day. Members wanting to sell at State Fair please check in the newsletter for link to information or KSBA website.

### **Other Old Business-**

None.

### **New Business**

#### **Annual Donation to Franklin County Fair-**

Motion to continue \$1.00 per member, Eddie McNutt moved, Alan Alsip seconded, no discussion. Motion was passed.

#### **Club paid premiums (10.00 per blue ribbon)-**

Motion made to distribute monies, Lynn Morris moved, Denise Boebinger seconded. No discussion, motion passed.

#### **Tana's Stipend-**

Motion made to send a stipend of 75.00 to Tana Peers for her Judging of the Honey and Bees Division of the Franklin County Fair. Michael Wiley, moved, Alan Alsip Seconded. Discussion: none. Motion Passed.

#### **Green Stock Festival-**

September 24<sup>th</sup> @ Bridgeport Christian Church. An educational Booth and observation hive to be displayed, and selling honey. Members encouraged to participate.

#### **Email from John Antenucci-**

Managing bee yard opportunity North of Owenton. KY.

Motion from the floor to adjourn by Alan Alsip, Denise Boebinger seconded, Meeting adjourned about 8:15 pm. No meeting August 23<sup>rd</sup> because of Club Work Day at Ky State Fair. Next meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

***Minutes taken by Elen Melcher, typed and submitted by Wes Henry in the absence of Marsha Bezold, Secretary.***

# CCBA Opportunities

## CCBA Regular Meeting

September 27th, 2022

## Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

6 p.m. Program, 7 p.m., Business Meeting



## October CCBA Honey Booth

October 8th, 8:30-12 noon

## Franklin County Farmer's Market



## 2022 CCBA Annual Potluck

October 25th, 2022

EAS Master Beekeeper Leonard Davis, Guest Speaker

## Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY 6 p.m.

Meat provided, members asked to bring a side dish and/or desserts.