



Watercolor by Rachel Toll

Job Complete, pollination of foragers weeks ago among the brambles bring ripe July berries.

The Official Newsletter for The Capital City Beekeepers Association

CCBA First Honey Booth 2020



Ken Daniels and Wes Henry at the Honey Booth.

The morning of July 11th saw a respite from the heat and humidity of the past weeks but also from the “no walk-up-market”- this the second weekend this season thus far. To this point, there had been no CCBA Honey Booth and this was the association’s first of the year. There were restrictions in place including no tastings, face masks, and such. Two members, Ken Daniels and Wes Henry were able to be present and sell Spring/summer honey . The market goes also found many things different from the past with all



vendors facing out towards the perimeter and making their way around the pavilion in clockwise fashion as folks kept their distance, and with masks wearing expected as well. Though difficult to decide which honey one would like buy without tasting it, modest sales were made, conversations were had, and we were able to welcome a new member.

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In cooperation with the precautions set forth, CCBA has again cancelled our regularly meeting at the extension office. However, we will be conducting a FB live program at 6 p.m. and afterwards our business meeting July 28th, via online conference call. Members were sent the sign-on information credentials. If you are a member and did not receive the email please contact Jan Rafert at jwrafert@gmail.com. - Wes Henry, CCBA President

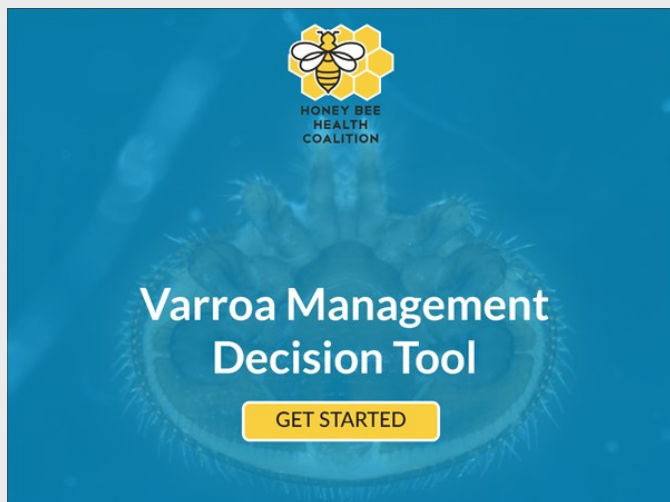
KSBA Summer Meet Cancelled



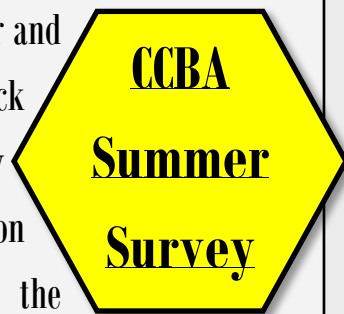
The final decision was made to cancel The Kentucky State Beekeeper's Association's Summer Meeting and Field Day just days before the event after the governor's mandate to limit public gatherings from 50 to 10 people. The Meeting/ Field Day was to be held at Perryville Battlefield State Park on July 25th.

Mite Help

The Honey Bee health coalition is a great resource in the fight against Varroa mites. This is the by far the greatest determining factor in honeybee health and success as a beekeeper. This tool will help in answering questions on what, when, and how to your preferred IPM whether synthetic, essential oils, or organic method. Click below to get started.



Last month CCBA member and Program Director Jack Kuhn developed a survey to poll the members on the participation in the



recent months of virtual presentations and meetings. Another greater purpose was to also discover what subjects the membership were interested in and would benefit from. Almost half of those answering the survey attended one or two FB live presentations with 55% attending at least one of the Zoom business meetings of which 33% attended all three. The overwhelming reason for not attending one or the other was that those polled simply forgot.

Preparing Hives for Fall and Winter was the greatest subject in demand, 58% of those asked responding such. The Fall Honey Flow, Losing Queens in Summer/ requeening, dealing with Problems in Summer Dearth, and Varroa Mite Control, followed in the order presented. Many thanks to Jack for his willingness to create and present the results and big thanks to all who participated in the survey. These definitely will be use to help make our association's meeting more interesting and meaningful and useful. The detailed [results of the survey can be seen here](#) .

ABF Honey Princess to Visit Ky. State Fair

Sydney Paulsrud, the 2020 American Honey Princess, will visit Kentucky August 20-26, 2020. She will make appearances at the Kentucky State Fair during her stay, speaking to fairgoers about the importance of honey bees to Kentucky agriculture and how honey bees amplify agriculture through pollination. She will also distribute honey recipes, showcasing the benefits of honey in culinary endeavors. Sydney will make appearance throughout the fairgrounds and will be present at the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association exhibit, promoting its Certified Kentucky Honey Program.



Sydney is the 20-year-old daughter of Thea Weinberger of Eau Claire, WI, and Jack Paulsrud of Augusta, WI. Prior to serving as a spokesperson for the beekeeping and honey industry, she studied childcare services in college. Hailing from Chippewa Falls, WI, Sydney also works for DHL-Fleet Farm Distribution Center.

As the 2020 American Honey Princess, Sydney serves as a national spokesperson on behalf of the American Beekeeping Federation, a trade organization representing beekeepers and honey producers throughout the United States. The American Honey Queen and Princess speak and promote in venues nationwide, and, as such Princess Sydney has traveled throughout the United States in 2020.

The beekeeping industry touches the lives of every individual in our country. In fact, honey bees are responsible for nearly one-third of our entire diet, in regards to the pollination services that they provide for a large majority of fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes. This amounts to nearly \$19 billion per year of direct value from honeybee pollination to United States agriculture.

For more information on Princess Sydney's Kentucky visit and to schedule an interview, contact Tammy Potter at 502.229.2950.



**OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE FROM AMERICAN HONEY QUEEN PROGRAM
ANNA L. KETTLEWELL, CHAIRPERSON**

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes of 23 June 2020

NOTE: Due to the Coronid-19 outbreak, the meeting was once again conducted by means of videoconferencing through Zoom. We very grateful to Adam Leonberger of the Franklin County Cooperative Extension for once again making this possible.

Program:

Jack Kuhn and Wes Henry did a live Facebook broadcast at 6:00 p.m. inspecting our three hives. The top-bar is doing well with a new queen. One Langstroth hive is doing very well and had honey harvested. The second Langstroth isn't doing so well and needs to be re-queened. The entire evening's program is available for viewing on our Facebook page.

Meeting:

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He called for the approval of the May meeting minutes, as printed in the newsletter. There were no comments, which was taken as an approval. The same held true for the financial report as presented by treasurer, George Fowler. George mentioned that he had one new family membership and one new individual membership during the past month.

Activity Reports:

Swarm Report:

The association received three calls this month. One was for bees in a building in Lexington and that call information was passed on to the Bluegrass Beekeepers Assoc. The second call was west of Lawrenceburg for a hive in an old oak tree that was to be removed. Jim Psiones answered this call and got around 5 lbs. of bees on his initial visit. Enough bees remained that the landowner requested that Jim return, which he did and got about another 3 lbs. of bees. The secretary responded to a swarm south of Versailles and was able to capture a swarm. Other members reported on swarms that they, or someone that knew, had also caught.

Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler asked Co. Extension Agent, Adam Leonberger, if there was a place at the extension office where our meager library might be stored. Adam said that there was an area in the lower level that the extension office was getting new lockers and wants all lockers and that he would get back to George. George said that if there was room for a rolling cart that that would be great.

Old Business:

Farmers Market:

The we will resume our booth at the Frankfort Farmers Market in July. Our day will be the second Tuesday and Saturday of the month. New restrictions include no honey tasting, no honey straws, only two people in the booth at a time, masks and gloves must be worn and routine disinfecting is required. Wes has our tables and a washstand. A second washstand will also be available.

Shirts:

Ken Daniels reported that a few shirts are still available and individual orders can be made.

Bluegrass Beekeeping School:

George reported that only one school remains that has yet to cash our check from the hive paintings.

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes of 23 June 2020

Cont.

Kentucky State Fair:

Wes reported that the officers of the KY State Beekeepers Assoc. had held a meeting to discuss this year's representation at the State Fair. It was decided that the KSBA will again have two booths, one for honey sales and the other for the Certified KY Honey Program. Three volunteers at a time will be allowed to work the honey booth which will be a 10'x10' canopy in the West Wing courtyard. The CKHP booth is for information only, may have two volunteers and will be situated in the South Wing parking lot.

Hours for this year's fair are from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The only honey that will be sold this year will be 1 and 2 lb. jars, creamed and combed. There will not be honey straws, candy, candles or other bee products for sale. There also will be no honey judging. All the products for the day must be in the booth as there is no storage space. KSBA will have a required form to be filled out by those wishing to sell honey, and the logistical details regarding dropping of and picking up of the product are being worked out now. Sarah Preston mentioned that plastic bottles sell better than glass at the fair.

Due to the reduced hours, it was suggested that CCBA work the entire eight-hour shift on Tuesday the 25th of August, which would normally be our meeting night. Four members, and possibly a fifth, said that would/should be able to work.

New Business:

KSBA will hold a meeting / field day at the Perryville Battlefield on July 25th. Participation is limited to 50 people and reservations must be made through the KSBA. Boxed lunches will be available. Registration fees for KSBA members is \$10 and for non-members it is \$25, which included KSBA membership.

Thoughts about how we would hold our July meeting were discussed. Since gathering restrictions have been changed to 50 people at a time, from 10, it was thought that we could meet in one of the area parks in a pavilion or something similar. The secretary was given the task of checking into the availability and feasibility of different sites and rental fees in the Franklin Co. and Frankfort parks systems.

Adjournment:

With nothing from the floor, Sarah made motion to adjourn, George seconded, and the motion was approved at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert
CCBA Secretary

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report
Prepared on July 22 for the July 2020 Meeting

General

Beginning Balance (May 20, 2020) \$3144.70

Receipts

Dues – CCBA (2 families) \$30.00

Interest on Checking Acct. (6/30) \$0.26

Total Receipts \$30.26

Expenditures

None

Total Expenditures \$0.00

Currant Available Balance \$3174.96

Checking Account: \$3124.96

Cash change fund \$50.00

Notes:

1. Wilson check for June = \$164.75 for 3 member/participants.
2. The treasurer maintains a \$50.00 cash change fund for use at meetings and events.

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$478.99

Receipts

Interest on savings account (6/30) \$0.06

Total Receipts \$.06

Total Expenditures NONE

Ending Balance \$479.05

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Opportunities

CCBA Regular Scheduled Meeting- July 28th

Facebook Live Program on CCBA FB page, 6 p.m.



Business Meeting via ZOOM, 7 p.m. Members sent sign-on information.

1st 2020 CCBA Honey Booth (Tentative)- August 8th, 7:30 a.m.-12 Noon

Franklin County Farmers Market, Frankfort, KY



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CCBA Kentucky State Fair Booth Work Day

August 25th, 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Kentucky State Fairgrounds

