



## The Official Newsletter for The Capital City Beekeepers Association

The April Program was a Facebook Live cast by Jack Kuhn and Wes Henry from the Association's apiary on the grounds of the Franklin County Extension office in Frankfort. A part of the inspection was a look at grafted larva that Jack had installed in one that was queenless in the



hope of starting queen cells (pictured left). Many cells did "take". Things were "clicking right along" (pictured right) in the other hive on which honey supers had been put on weeks earlier. [Watch it all on our face book page by clicking here.](#) May's Program will be another hive inspection as we not only look into the Langstroth type hives but also the top bar hive to see the progress of a swarm that was installed there earlier in the month.



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### CORONAVIRUS

*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 April 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](mailto:jwrafert@gmail.com). - Wes Henry, CCBA President*

# June's Farmer's Market

## CCBA Honey Booth Cancelled

The Franklin County Farmer's Market is beginning walk-up customers but only on Tuesday's. According to the May 21st email sent to vendors from Market Manager Michelle Bragg, "Through June, Tuesdays will be the only day for walk-up customers to attend as Thursdays and Saturdays will continue to be by pre-order/pick-up only."

As a rotating vendor, the CCBA operates the "Honey Booth" offering local honey and other hive products, i.e. candles, on the Second Saturday of each month. Therefore, the Association will not be able to sell due to the persistent Covid-19 restriction's.

It is then hopeful that in July that the booth may be

able to open but there will be Department of Agriculture restrictions and policies to adhere to. Masks and gloves will have to be worn by vendors, social distancing

will be in place for vendors and visitors, no samples can be offered, and more. The following link was included in Michelle's email of [the requirements for those participating](#). All CCBA members planning to participate should take the time to familiarize themselves with it. The next "CCBA Honey Booth" is tentatively Scheduled for July 11th.



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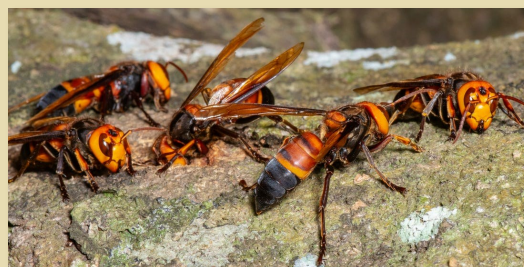
## CCBA Member Interviewed On Asian Hornets, AKA Murder Hornets

CCBA Member and KSBA Certified Kentucky Honey Producer Program Manager Sarah Preston was recently interviewed by WLEX 18 concerning the Giant Asian Hornet. As we know this has received much attention in recent weeks.

In the January 2020 issue of *The Capital Bee* it was reported that the Giant Asian Hornet was found in Washington state. This was according to an article passed along by member George Fowler.

Though none have been reported in Kentucky, state Apiarist Tammy Horn Potter has erected traps to monitor their progress.

[The full interview featuring Sarah is available here.](#)



# Capital City Beekeepers Association

## Meeting Minutes of 28 April 2020

*NOTE: Due to the Coronid-19 outbreak, the meeting was conducted by means of video-conferencing through Zoom thanks to Adam Leonberger of the Franklin County Cooperative Extension.*

### **Program:**

Jack Kuhn and Wes Henry did a live Facebook broadcast at 6:30 p.m. in which they inspected our two Langstroth hives.

### **Meeting:**

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He called for the approval of the March meeting minutes, as printed in the newsletter. There were no comments, this then taken as an approval. The same held true for the financial report as presented by treasurer, George Fowler.

### **Activity Reports:**

#### **Swarm Report:**

As we enter the peak time for swarm reports, several members have reported capturing swarms. The association did receive three calls regarding swarms to which members responded. One swarm is living in a tree that the owner did not want removed, so the swarm/hive stays.

#### **Library Report:**

Librarian George Fowler reported that the library is secure and that he was looking at it in his home as he spoke.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Volunteer Door Prize Program:**

The volunteer prize drawing for June has been cancelled.

With Dadant & Sons Package Day moved up on relatively short notice and then our participation cancelled, the secretary proposed that those volunteers who had signed up should have their names 'put in the hat' for volunteering. Ken Daniels seconded the motion. One objection was expressed when the motion was brought forward for approval. The basis of the objection was that during the present circumstances beyond anyone's control many things have been cancelled and, although regrettable, that's the way things were. George made a motion to table the discussion for the time being. Jack Kuhn seconded the motion and the motion to table was approved.

#### **Shirts:**

There are still a few shirts available at \$15 each. Ken Daniels will provide a list of shirts, sizes and prices to the secretary, who will in turn send an email to the membership.

#### **Farmers Market:**

The Frankfort Farmers Market will reopen on May 9<sup>th</sup>, but CCBA will not be participating and will also not be participating on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to the pandemic orders are being taken and pick-up will be at scheduled times. The market's "Kids Day" has also been cancelled until further notice.

### **New Business:**

Don Reid reported that he is taking an online course on beginning beekeeping through Penn State University. He said that the course is quite good and, not only that, it's free to anyone. For those interested the link is : <https://extension.psu.edu/beekeeping-101>

### **Adjournment:**

With nothing more from the floor, George made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jan W. Rafert, CCBA Secretary

## CCBA - Treasurer's Report Prepared on May 20 For the May 2020 Meeting

### General

Beginning Balance (April 22, 2020) \$3081.47

### Receipts

Dues – CCBA (3 Individual) \$30.00

Dues – CCBA (4 families) \$60.00

Interest on Checking Acct. (4/30) \$0.29

**Total Receipts** **\$90.29**

### Expenditures

Purchase of postage stamps \$33.00

Purchase of checks \$19.35

**Total Expenditures** **\$52.35**

**Currant Available Balance** **\$3119.41**

**Checking Account:** **\$3069.41**

**Cash change fund** **\$50.00**

### Notes:

1. Wilson check for April = \$210.50 for 4 member/participants.
2. The treasurer maintains a \$50.00 cash change fund for use at meetings and events.

### Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$478.87

#### Receipts

Interest on savings account (4/30) \$0.06

**Total Receipts** **\$.06**

**Total Expenditures** **NONE**

**Ending Balance** **\$478.93**

# The Capital Bee

## Opportunities

CCBA Regular Scheduled Meeting- May 26th



[Facebook Live Program on CCBA FB page, 6 p.m.](#)

[Business Meeting via ZOOM, 7 p.m. Members sent sign-on information.](#)

KSBA President's Meeting, May 30th

Via teleconference



[More info at KSBA website](#)

1st 2020 CCBA Honey Booth (Tentative)- July 11th, 7:30 a.m.-12 Noon

[Franklin County Farmers Market, Frankfort, KY](#)

