



The Official Newsletter of the Capital City Beekeepers

Live from the CCBA Apiary

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Member Curt Wallace (right) breaks off a piece of the comb honey before the business portion of the CCBA May meeting starts.

The program for the May 2019 Meeting was spent in the CCBA apiary. The robust colonies in the yard behind the extension office have done well and the harvesting of capped frames of the sweet reward was at hand. Members and visitors alike participated, asked questions, and were instructed on harvesting the frames of ripe honey. A hive inspection also was conducted in the hopes of also making a split. Two frames were missing in the top super and the bees had made comb and stored honey in it and were also harvest. Inside, folks on hand enjoyed fresh comb honey from the hive before the business meeting started. Program Director Jack Kuhn and member Eddie McNutt are seen in the picture to the left as it appeared on the Associations FB page live. Watch the presentation by clicking on the picture.



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America's Founding Bees

"The only evidence we have of the initial importation of honey bees to North America is a letter written December 5, 1621 by the Council of the Virginia Company in London and addressed to the Governor and Council in (Jamestown) Virginia, "Wee haue by this Shipp and the Discoverie sent you diurs [divers] sortes of seedes, and fruit trees, as also Pidgeons, Connies, Peacockes Maistiuies [Mastiffs], and Beehives, as you shall by the invoice pceiue [perceive]; the preservation & encrease whereof we respond vnto you..."

"Honey bees across America", Brenda Keller

"It is well to be patriotic even in bee hives!"

Marcus Clute (John Allen), "The Blessed Bees"

May's Farmer's Market

It was a sunny spring morning of honey sales and bee-speak at May's CCBA Farmer's Market Booth. This was the honey offered this month was the first of the 2019 honey from members. It was again kids day and each child was entitled to a free honey stick from the association. Members Ken Daniels and Dan



Ramey and Wayne Parrish had their spring harvest on the table that not only was easy on the eyes but a delight to the tongue. Ken and Dan had their State Fair ribbons on display for folks to see. Member and program Director Jack Kuhn (pictured below) was also at the Farmer's with the first of his 2019 "slingsings". He had a mix of light and darker honey's from different yards.

As a reminder all CCBA members can sell at the Farmer's Market booth. It is

setup on the second Saturday of each month and members are able to setup and sell on any Tuesdays and Thursday of the month as well. Even if you do not have honey or hive products to sell members are encouraged to attend for whatever length of time to help interact with the public and fellowship with their fellow bee-keepers.



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Local Presidents and KSBA Meet



KSBA officers and CKH Director Sarah Preston, meet with local association Presidents from around the state at the Franklin County Extension Office on June 15th to discuss and get our feedback about Cert. Ky. Honey, the new website, Ky. State Fair, Cost Sharing, and a mentoring program and more. State Apiarist Tammy Horn was also in attendance. More details should be forth coming in the next Beelines and KSBA website.

If you haven't remitted your 2019 dues, you may do so at the next meeting, March 26th, or mail with your information to:

Jan Rafert
1662 Talmage Mayo Rd.
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes May, 2019

May 28, 2019 CCBA Meeting Minutes

Program

A split was attempted with the club hive prior the meeting but there was not enough eggs to do so.

The business portion of the meeting opened at 7:05pm.

Committee Reports

Swarm Committee: A lot of swarms have been reported and members on the swarm list have been responding.

Club Library: Our library can still use donations and all club members are reminded that those resources are there for them to use.

Sales: Club members have sold honey at the Capital Area Gardener's Plant Sale the last Saturday in April as well as the May 11th Frankfort Farmer's Market. The next Farmer's Market will be Saturday June 8, 7:30-Noon.

Outreach: The club was contacted about putting some hives on 25 acres of seeded clover in Franklin County on Ninevah Rd. George Fowler will contact person to get details.

Minutes from the April 23 meeting were accepted without additional discussion. Motion made by Rick Evans and 2nd by Curt Wallace.

Treasury report was accepted with motion from John Ard and 2nd by Chris Kenley. Club balance was \$2915.95 with deposits being from club dues received and no expenditures.

We will be receiving \$520.50 from Bluegrass Bee School

A 6-frame radial basket extractor w/ stand was purchased for club member's use from funds from the bee school. Before using a \$50 deposit will have to be put down as well as agreeing to abide by the usage guidelines. Checkout period will be 4-5 days.

Old Business:

Shirts are in \$26 for polo's, \$15 for t-shirts. We will also have hats. See Ken Daniels if interested.

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Moving Hives

Sometimes you need to move a hive. Better pasturage, a yard becomes unavailable, another yard needs expanding, you've bought a complete colony -woodenware and all- or whatever the reasons maybe there will come an occasion to do so. Adhering to a few details will help make it successful. First, have the place where you are moving them to ready. Second, be aware of the temperature. You will need to confine them with an entrance cover with a screen like the robber screens you can find in supply catalogs to ensure good ventilation and don't forget to cover the ventilation holes if you have them. It may well go unsaid but to make sure you get all your bees remember to close shut up until night or before first light in the morning. After the foragers have returned. Secure the hive bodys with hive staples and/ or use a ratchet strap to hold the top cover; and get help, especially if its more than one hive body. Move them at night or at or before daylight in the morning, it all depends on how far you have to travel. Once set at the new location, turn them loose. These have worked for me and you'll soon see its not that difficult with a little planning.

~Wes



A hive recently moved at night from the backyard to the apiary in another county.

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New Business:

There will be a **KY Certified Honey meeting** at Franklin Co Extension office. Input is being sought on how the KCHP can meet the needs of local beekeepers.

Honey is needed for **the governor's breakfast at the KY State Fair**. Sarah will transport any donations .

Dadant's new general manager is Tasha Cummins.

From the Floor:

Jack Kuhn advised members that it was time to start planning your mite treatments. Mite-a-way Quick Strips could be done in June **ONLY** if the temps did not go above 85 degrees (this is the only treatment permitted while honey supers are on)

George Fowler will do a program on extracting at June 25th meeting. Meeting was adjourned 7:50pm

Submitted by Marsha Bezold

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Franklin County Fair 2019

George Fowler is the CCBA Rep to the Franklin County Fair Board and has submitted the proposed rules (at right) for this year's fair. Last year there were more entries than ever ([See July 2018 newsletter](#)). We continue to encourage participation of non-members and members alike, inasmuch that CCBA was instrumental in getting approved that "...members of Capital City Beekeepers in whose county do not offer a honey division in their county fair" are allowed to enter. Last year, CCBA enhanced the prizes and winnings and The association will consider additional prizes at this coming- June 2019- meeting.

2019 Franklin County Fair Honey Division Rules

Franklin County Fair – July 16 - 20, 2019 – Lakeview Park

Monday, July 15: Exhibit Hall honey entries accepted 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Tuesday, July 16: Exhibit Hall honey entries accepted 8-11 am. Judging 1 pm.

CCBA to provide judge. (Lunch provided for judge at noon.)

Farm Bureau Pavilion Exhibit Hall Viewing Hours:

Tuesday, July 17: 5-9 pm

Wednesday, July 18: 3-9 pm

Thursday, July 19: 3-9 pm **CCBA will set up a honey tasting and honey sale from 5-8:30 pm**

Friday, July 20: 3-9 pm

Saturday, July 21: 9-noon **Exhibitors: Pick-up Exhibit Hall entries 12:30 – 2 pm.**

Class 18 Honey Division *Sponsored by Capital City Beekeepers Association*

Rules:

Open to Franklin County Residents and to Members of the Capital City Beekeepers whose home counties do not have a Honey Division in their county fair.

Exhibitors may only submit honey they have produced and extracted in 2018.

Exhibitors may enter some or all classes, but are permitted only one entry per class.

Exhibitors will determine the class for each of their entries.

Classes will be as follows:

18001 – Bottled Honey – Light

18002 – Bottled Honey – Amber

18003 – Bottled Honey – Dark

18004 – Chunk Comb Honey

18005 – Cut Comb Honey

18006 – Painted Black Honey Jar

18007 – Honey Frame

18008 – Artistic Frame

18009 – Wax Block (1-5 pound block)

18010 – Molded Wax item

18011 – Wax Candles (single or pair may be submitted)

18012 – Grand Champion Apiarist – Awarded to beekeeper with the most points scored from the above classes.



NO LABELS are permitted on containers or frames or wax submissions. An identifying tag will be assigned and attached upon entry .

Bottled Honey will be divided into three categories: Light, Amber, and Dark.

Bottled Honey shall only be submitted in standard 1 lb. glass queenline jars. Plastic or metal lids are acceptable, but safety seals are not permitted.

Chunk Comb Honey shall be submitted in clear glass wide-mouth jars

Cut Comb Honey shall only be submitted in square, clear plastic containers.

Honey with a moisture content in excess of 18.7% will be disqualified.

In classes 18001, 18002, 18003, and 18004, honey with a moisture content of 18.1% to 18.69% shall have points deducted.

Honey Frames shall not be wired. Deep frames, medium, or shallow frames may be submitted.

All frames shall be submitted in a bee-proof, drip-proof container that will permit the frame's removal for judging and display.

Prizes: First - \$2.00; Second – \$1.50; Third - \$1.00

Additionally, the Capital City Beekeepers Association may approve additional prizes at its June meeting. **The honey judge may award more than one first place ribbon in any category when the judge finds that such award is called for under the standards used by the judge.**

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Dates To Remember:

Next CCBK
Meeting-
June 25th, 2019
6 p.m., 103 Lake-
view Dr., Frank-
fort, KY

Farmer's Market
Booth July 13th,
7:30-12 noon
Franklin County
Farmer's Market,
Riverview Ct.,
Frankfort, KY

Franklin County
Fair, July 16-20th,
103 Lakeview
Park, Frankfort,
KY

Treasure's Report Submitted by George Fowler, Treasurer

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report May 28, 2019 to June 25, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$2915.95
Receipts	
Dues – CCBA – Individual (2 members)	\$20.00
CCBA – Family (1 families)	\$15.00
KSBA – (2 members)	\$30.00
Bumper Stickers	\$4.00
Farmers Market Sellers Fees – May (4 members)	\$40.00
Interest on Checking Acct.(5/31)	<u>\$0.27</u>
Total Receipts	\$109.27
Expenditures	
Forwarded KSBA dues (2 members)	<u>\$26.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$26.00
Currant Available Balance	\$2999.22
Checking Account:	\$2949.22
Cash change fund	\$50.00

Notes:

The May Check from Wilson Nurseries totaled \$53.00. This was redistributed to two participating members.

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