



The Capital Bee

March 2022

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In early Spring, feeding 1:1 sugar syrup helps if honey stores are light and/or to stimulate the queen to rear brood.

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This excerpt from John Antenucci's "Central Kentucky Beekeeper's Calendar" gives us some direction with the use of popular days during the months of the year. Here late March and April.

April Fool's Day-

Do splits

Inspect for drone brood (expect drones by mid -April)

Add supers on production hives

Begin being diligent about swarm control (queen cells, larva in queen

cups?)

Requeen poorly performing queens

Tax Day-

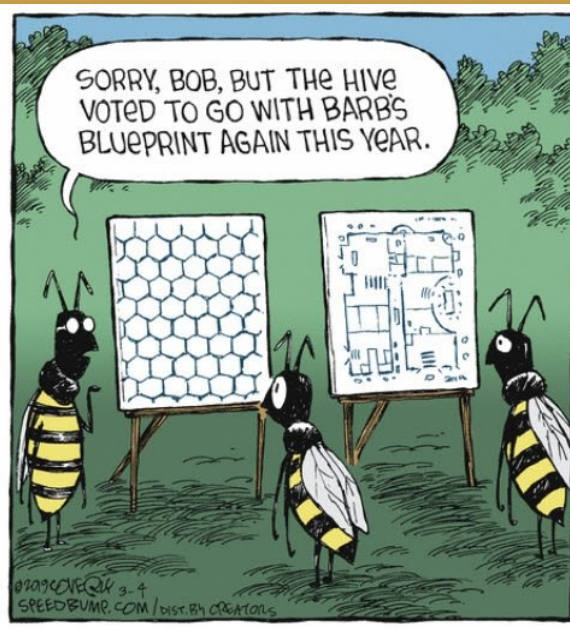
Treat new split for varroa (Apivar)

Continue feeding 1-1 especially splits

Splits can now probably requeen themselves (mature drones should be about)



The Snelgrove board, called also a double screened board, was invented by one Leonard Snelgrove in the 1930's. It is used to help with swarm control and prevention, while also saving a honey crop. Writings and videos abound on its use. [Here is one for the "clicking"](#)



You Just Gotta Smile

In ancient Egypt, people paid their taxes with honey. ~

beepods.com

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared by George Fowler, CCBA Tres., on March 16, 2022
for the March 22, 2022 Meeting

General

Beginning Balance (February 17, 2022) \$2477.73

Receipts

Dues (1 Ind; 1 Fam) \$25.00

Interest (2/28) \$0.21

Total Receipts \$25.21

Expenditures

No Expenditures This Period

Total Expenditures \$0.00

Currant Available Balance \$2502.94

Checking Account: \$2452.94

Cash change fund \$50.00

Notes:

1. Wilson check for March has not yet been received.
2. The treasurer maintains a \$50.00 cash change fund for use at meetings and events.

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (January 21, 2022) \$727.86

Receipts

Interest (2/28) \$0.08

Total Receipts \$0.08

Total Expenditures NONE

Ending Balance \$727.94

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting minutes for Tuesday February 22nd, 2022

*Wes Henry opened the meeting at 6:00pm with 14 in attendance in person/8 in attendance via Zoom.

* **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Tom Webster from Kentucky State University spoke on Nosema in our bee hives. He also touched on what we should be doing this time of year. He recommends feeding your bees to encourage queen laying and brood build up. He also spoke on: importance of pollen collection; being careful about where you get your queens when you need to requeen; mite resistance; checking for mites; Georgia Extension Agent's At Home Beekeeping Series (online series); and Heartland Apiculture Society meeting Thurs June 28-Fri July 1, 2022.

***Business meeting:** began at 7:20pm. January minutes were approved.

***Treasurer's Report:** Was given by George Fowler. Current balance is \$2477.00. Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Wilson's Honey Sales:** Wilson's stock of club member's honey for sale is low if any club member has honey that they would like to sell there. Customers have been coming in and looking for local honey.

***Club Library:** Beekeeping books are available for check out; a new book was added to library, "The Honey-makers", by Gail Gibbons.

***Bluegrass Beekeeping School:** Will be on March 12, as of this time have 320 people signed up.

***Dadant Package Days:** Will be in May, volunteers will be needed to hand out packages. Orders should be done ASAP, check with Dadant on cost and deadline.

Springfest: Will be at Perryville Battle Field State Historic Site, May 7th 9am to 4pm. Our club members will be allowed to sell honey and any other bee products with no charge for booth as we are an educational organization. Set up time is 8:00am. Currently Marsha Bezold & Michael Wiley are selling.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (KSBA):** Is in need of officers, treasurer and vice president. See Jessica May if you are interested in serving. If you sign up for Certified Kentucky Honey Program, membership to KSBA is included in the CKHP fees. Sign up at KSBA website: KYbees.org

The KSBA Spring Meet will be April 23rd at the Kentucky State Research Farm. All are

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welcome to attend.

***County Fair:** Lynne Morris, Fair Liaison gave an update on the proposed new bee categories for the county fair. Dates for Franklin Co Fair are July 19-23.

A motion was made by Lynne Morris to eliminate Artistic Frame category from County Fair and add categories of **Photography, Creamed Honey, Mead, Encaustic Painting, Youth** (Youth division can be any miscellaneous bee related item. The age divisions will be under 9 Junior / 10-14 Intermediate / 15-19 Senior), **Needlework** (includes but not limited to cross stitch, embroidery, quilting, applique). These categories are to be added and CCBA will add a premium prize of \$10 to any best in class in each category as designated by the judge. Mary Charlton 2nd motion. Motion passed.

*George Fowler motioned that we adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

The next CCBA meeting will be Tuesday March 22, 2022

Minutes submitted by Marsha Bezold, Secretary

Capital City Beekeepers' Library

Available to all
Members

time

and must return books previously checked out before obtaining additional materials.

Review of the inventory will show that some of this material will be more popular than others. Please be aware of this fact in ensuring its prompt return.

The CCBA library will now be available at the regular scheduled meetings at the Franklin County Extension office in Frankfort. The following procedure is now enforce.

1. Materials are available for active members to check out.
2. Material should be returned within one month of the date checked out so that material can be made available to other members.
3. Members will be able to check out no more than two books at a

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CCBA Regular Meeting

March 22nd, 2022

[Franklin County Extension Office](#)

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

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

KSBA Spring Meeting

April 23, 2022

[KSU Research Farm, 1525 Mills Lane Frankfort KY](#)



Springfest

May 7th, 9-5p.m.

Perryville Battlefield State Park

Heartland Apiculture Society

Conference 2022

June 28th-July 1, 2022

University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN



Eastern Apiculture Society Conference 2022

August 1-5, 2022

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY



Eastern Apicultural Society