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Honey glowing in the September morning light at The Farmer's Market.

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September's Farmer's Mkt Honey Booth

It was a continued dry day and the jars were arranged and displayed like sober soldiers, stood and glowed in the soft morning sun at the CCBA September Farmer's Market Booth. Three members were present, Wayne Parrish, George Fowler, and Wes Henry to offer local honey for taste



CCBA Members George Fowler and Wayne Parrish relax before the first Market-goers.

and sell. Folks are always amazed, and this Saturday was no different, that color and tastes vary with local honey, and the question most asked is how, and/or why so? This gives anyone helping with the booth the opportunity to talk with the public on all things bees and honey. However, our response to their questions begin with what the bees are foraging on but includes more specifically, but isn't limited to, the environment in which the plants grow, the season in which they forage, and types of plants. In fact, George had honey extracted from the same hives but six weeks apart and the differences

in taste was remarkable and noticed by everyone who tried it. It's but one great advantage over the "store bought" honey that folks notice and are willing pay for such a unique and quality product, moreover the opportunity to meet and talk with the actual beekeeper themselves. As far as sales, lets just say, "honey got moved". There were some candle sales as well, which lend to the fact that all hive products can be offered, including wax. A couple of shoppers were looking for pollen. The next is October 12th and hopefully we'll break the dry spell enough to get a fall flow for surplus honey.

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“The Kentucky Certified Honey Program (KCHP) was established by KSBA in an effort to promote the sale of local honey to consumers in Kentucky. We wish to promote the many beekeepers in Kentucky that raise their bees, harvest, process their honey, and sell their honey all within the State of Kentucky. All beekeepers within the State of Kentucky are eligible for certification by making formal application to KSBA and paying the appropriate annual dues. The annual dues include membership in KSBA at no extra cost. Each local association will receive \$3 back for each of its members that become certified...As Certified Honey Producers, beekeepers will have agreed to follow the program guidelines and to apply the certified honey label with a registered trade symbol to the bottles of honey that they sell. The labels are for sale to Certified Producers” [To apply Click the logo or here.](#)



Asters are a part of the Fall flowers that lend to the nectar flow now. Having only the disc flowers these blue mist flowers are still a part of the aster family.

Honey Booth at Waddy Fall Festival



Kentucky State Apiarist, Tammy Horn Potter in an email, contacted Vice President Ken Daniels about the possibility of CCBA setting up a honey booth at the

Waddy Fall festival in Shelby county on the last day of August. Though it was short notice, Ken along with Dan Ramey and Michael Wiley did attend and setup under a portable shelter. Offering

local Certified Kentucky Honey for sale, they represented the CCBA. Sales were steady. Ken reported that a generous breakfast was served and festivities also included a 5-k run, parade, and 10 vendor booths in all.



The CCBA Banner displayed proudly in Waddy.



Michael Wiley and Dan Ramey Tend the CCBA Booth

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Nominations
are due Oct. 1
for the Ken-
tucky State
Beekeepers
Association's
annual
"Beekeeper of
the Year" honor

Only KSBA members can nominate or be nominated. To nominate, submit nominee's name, contact information (address, phone, and email) and a brief justification of the nomination. The honoree will be selected from the nominations by vote of the past KSBA Beekeepers of the Year. Email nominations or mail to: Joe Taylor, P.O. Box 234, Leitchfield, KY 42755. The results will be announced at the fall KSBA meeting at Bullitt Central High School.

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Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes of 27 August 2019

Business Meeting

Following a very interesting presentation on Varroa mite fall management by Jack Kuhn, Vice President Ken Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting as published in the newsletter. Eddie McNutt made the motion, Ralph Davison seconded it, and the members present carried the motion.

Treasurer George Fowler presented the financial report and a motion to approve was requested. Kay Daniels made the motion, Wayne Parrish seconded and the motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

Swarm Committee – the secretary reported that no swarms had been reported within the last month. Swarm season should now be over.

Extractor – Ken reported that Gary Risen used the association's extractor and returned it in good shape.

Library – George mentioned that he brought our library with him and that he intended to ask the Extension Office if they might have a place to hold it, thus saving him the effort of bringing it with him each month.

Outreach – Kay and Ken Daniels gave a Kids Pollinator Class at the Library on August 6th. The said that overall the kids were quite interested in the topic and in receiving information about our association.

Farmers Market – Ken reported that the market has instituted a new "Token Policy". Two tokens that affect us are the "Snap" and the "Debit" Token. The former is a blue token that has \$1 & \$5 values and can be used to purchase – all food and food producing plants, excluding food truck purchases and alcohol. The Debit Token is green, also comes in \$1 & \$5 amounts, can be used to purchase all items and change can be given.

State Fair – Our members did very well. Jack Kuhn won three Blue Ribbons and Dan Ramey & Ken Daniels won two Blue Ribbons. We were also well represented by ten members who volunteered for the two honey booths. Record sales were achieved this year. Thanks to all.

Old Business:

George Fowler reported that our participation in the annual Spellalooza was cancelled on our part due to this being the third year in a row that no preparation for us was provided by the organizers.

Ken Daniels said that he is still waiting for a few members to pick up their

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Dates to Remember

**CCBA August
Monthly Meeting**
Sept. 24th, 2019, 6
-8 p.m.

[Franklin County
Extension Office
101 Lakeview Ct.,
Frankfort, KY](#)

**CCBA Farmer's
Market Booth**
October 12th, 2019
7:30-12 noon
[Franklin County
Farmer's Market
Frankfort, Ky](#)

**CCBA Annual
Potluck**
October 22nd, 2019
6-8 p.m.
[Franklin County
Extension Office
101 Lakeview Ct.,
Frankfort, KY](#)

KSBA Fall Meeting
**November 9th,
2019**
Central Bullet High
School, 1330 Hwy
44 East,
Shepherdsville, KY

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shirt and cap orders. If they do not do so, the shirts and hats will be available at the September meeting for those interested in purchasing them

New Business:

The next meeting of the KSTBA's presidents and Certified Honey producers will be held on Saturday, September 14th in Elizabethtown at the new Hardin County Agricultural Extension Office. Unfortunately this conflicts with our day at the Farmers Market, but we will be represented at both.

Our Annual Pot Luck Dinner will be held at our October meeting on the 22nd and it was decided that, as in the past, the association would provide the meat and our members will supply side dishes, including desserts.

At the State Fair, we were invited to participate in the Kentucky Women in Agriculture's annual meeting by having a booth at very low cost to sell honey and provide information regarding bees and our association. The secretary will get more information and provide it at our next meeting.

The Kentucky Queen Breeders Assoc. will have its next meeting on Sunday, September 8th, at 1 p.m. It will be held at the Kentucky State University's research farm on Mills Lane. The guest speaker will be Ms. Jody Gerdts, currently from Australia, presenting information on Foul Brood and honeybee hygienic behavior. Our members have been invited to attend.

Finally, our election of officers is quickly nearing and we ask all to consider submitting their name or that of others for nomination. Unfortunately President Wes Henry has intimated that he will probably be stepping down. So we need everyone's assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert
CCBA Secretary

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Notes:

The June/July Check from Wilson Nurseries totaled \$353.25. This was redistributed to four participating members.

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

The club maintains a related savings account necessary to maintain our membership in the Commonwealth Credit Union. Current balance in that account is \$8.00.

Treasure's Report Submitted by George Fowler, Treasurer

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report August 27, 2019 to September 24

Beginning Balance	\$2752.75
Receipts	
Dues – CCBA Individual (1)	\$10.00
Dues – CCBA Family (2)	\$30.00
Interest on Checking Acct.(8/31)	\$0.26
Total Receipts	\$40.26
Expenditures	
Total Expenditures	\$0.00
Currant Available Balance	\$2793.01
Checking Account:	\$2743.01
Cash change fund	\$50.00