

*The Official Newsletter of The Capital City Beekeepers Association*

# *The Capital Bee*

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*The 2024 Frankfort Earth Day Celebration was held on the grounds of the Orlando Brown House in Frankfort, Kentucky, where many spring plants and trees were in bloom, including dogwoods alongside the CCBA booth.*

# Beekeeper's Almanac

## THE 'KEEP'S TO DO LIST

- ◆ Have your Surplus Honey Supers on! The honey-flow is here!
- ◆ Get on a swarm call list. Have your swarm equipment ready— be a “minute beekeeper”, ready within a minute.
- ◆ Manage nucs to prevent swarming or move into full size equipment.

### GROUND NESTING BEES: ARE THEY A THREAT TO YOU- OR YOUR LAWN?

TURF, LAWN CARE, PEST CONTROL, NATURE'S SELECT

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Spring brings the return of the birds and the bees to our yards and gardens. While the sound of birdsong may be a pleasant herald of spring, many people are less happy about the reappearance of wasps and bees to their garden. In particular, the ground nesting bees that increase their activity in many lawns in early spring

#### Are They Really Honey Bees?

So many times you receive a swarm call and you get there but they're not honey bees, and its not a swarm. Yet, There is a bee that looks so close and yet is native, Ground Nesting Bees— not yellow jackets. Learn the facts:

[Read the article here](#)



*Colletes inaequalis*, one of many types of ground nesting bee. You can see that they are very similar in appearance to honeybees.

#### [Make a Beekeeping Day-Trip](#)

Did you know the Father of American Beekeeping is laid to rest only a couple hours or so from Frankfort?

► Pres. Wes Henry and grand daughter Hayli at [L.L. Lansgroth's grave and monument](#).



# Earth Day 2024



A Panoramic view of the Earth Day Event At The Orland Brown House in Frankfort.

In late March member Jack Kuhn was contacted by a member of the Frankfort Earth Day planning



Denise Bobinger (Queen Bee for the Day) and the CCBA Earth Day Booth.

committee to gauge the possibility of CCBA participating in the April 20th event. Jack passed along the information to President Wes Henry and Secretary Marsha Bezold. With the Farmer's Market booth to begin not until May 11th, the decision was made to make a go of the celebration.



The garden kept good time, an hour to go.

Marsha went to work sending emails soliciting members. It is a busy time of the year with, managing colonies to prevent swarming and getting ready for the imminent honey flow, but after

emails and calls, five members committed to attend in two shifts from 10 am -2 pm- Dan and Beatty Ramey, Vice-President Michael Wiley, Denise Bobinger, and President Wes Henry.



Michael Wiley answers questions in full dress.

Dew was heavy on the grass where booths of other local environmental and civic groups were also setup in the garden/ lawn area of the historical Orlando Brown House. It was a chilly but clear and sunny- a wonderful spring day. Thanks goes to Member Mackenzie Preece and Treasurer George Fowler, for securing and providing educational materials for the booth. The plans were to also have the observation hive but the weather proved a bit too cold for it. Look for it at the Farmer's Market Honey booth however, as the weather warms.

The Association also treated children with honey sticks and activity/ coloring books



Children could see, feel, and smell real honey comb at the booth.

about bees and beekeeping. Adults were interested and members were able to answer questions and interact as their local beekeepers here in Frankfort. A few Honey sales were made upon request. The great take-away and encouragement for beekeepers was the using of more glass jars instead of plastic for our honey bottling in an effort to reduce the use of single use plastics which unfortunately litters the environment and landfills.

# Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

## Prepared on April 19, 2024, for the April 23 meeting

### General

Beginning Balance (March 22, 2024) \$2615.27 (See note 3)

#### Receipts

Dues \$35.00

**Total Receipts \$35.00**

#### Expenditures

School checks for hive auction \$800.00

March meeting – snacks \$23.68

March meeting – speaker honorarium \$50.00

Checks \$22.00

**Total Expenditures \$895.68**

**Currant Available Balance \$1754.59**

**Checking Account: \$1704.59**

**Cash change fund \$50.00**

#### Notes:

Wilson check for April totaled \$219.00 for three participating members.

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

The March ending balance was misstated due to one dues payment being counted twice. The balance should have been \$2615.27 rather than \$2625.27. The mistake was not discovered until the treasurer balanced the March bank statement.

### Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (March 22, 2024) \$1047.53

#### Receipts

Interest (3/31) \$0.13

**Total Receipts \$0.13**

#### Expenditures

No expenditures this period

**Total Expenditures \$0.00**

**Ending Balance \$1047.66**

# CCBA Meeting Minutes-

## March 26, 2024

### **Business Meeting 6:00 PM**

Did everyone get the newsletter? If not, come see Wes.

- Minutes from February meeting were approved as submitted, with no discussion.
- Treasurer's Report – George said that the amount published in the newsletter of \$2,600 is about \$800 high, pending distribution of hive auction income to the schools. See old business for details.

### **Activity Committee**

- Library – Books to be checked out, some good children's books. Magazines to take and keep, please
- Swarm List – reviewed the process. Get on the list, a mass text will go out when a swarm is reported. First to respond gets it. Only respond if you want the swarm. New swarm catchers can come and learn, but please let the first responder know you want to come watch, and make contact with them when you get there.

### **Old Business**

- 2024 Membership Renew or Join. See George. The Jan Raffert membership Scholarship was awarded. I didn't get the name.
- Bluegrass Beekeeping School 2024 is in the books. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the school a success. Almost everyone at this meeting attended the school. David Peck, PhD. was very well received by beginners and experienced beekeepers alike. Thanks to all who spoke, helped schedule, managed coffee and donuts, put out signs, drove golf carts, monitored classrooms, helped at registration and at lunch. Wrap up meeting to be scheduled.
- Hive Painting and Auction - Denise Boebinger (director). Hives brought gross of \$1014.70. After expenses (wooden ware), \$789.13. Voted to round up to \$800 and divide between the 4 schools. Western Hills offered to paint again. MacKenzie said that some of the money will come to the Extension office to buy for the school off their wish list. Motion by Jack Kuhn to round up to \$800, 2nd by Denise.
- 2024 Franklin County Fair July 13-20 – CCBA sponsors the Honey and Bee Division. Room, podium and judge are taken care of. Don't have to be a county resident to participate.
- Tuition Program – voted on this last meeting. The 3 member committee is taking applications for tuition assistance now.

### **New Business**

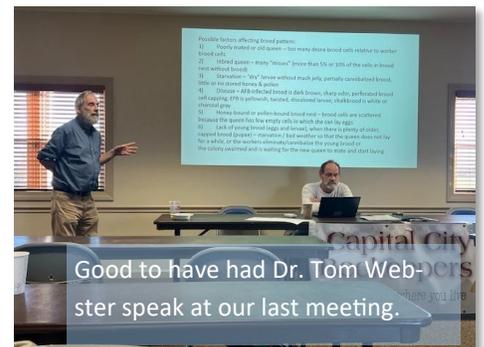
Jake Barker from Oldham County Beekeepers has been contacted to present at the September 24 meeting to present a Queen Replacement Guidance program. Solid 90 minutes of good information. We can invite other clubs. We would pay mileage of \$58, take him to dinner and provide an honorarium of \$150. Move to invite Jake, Kurt Wallace, 2nd Jack

Farmers Market – First market is April 20th, first honey booth is May 11.

Move to adjourn – George, 2nd Jack

### **Presentation by Dr. Tom Webster on Possible Factors Affecting Brood Pattern**

Dr. Webster Also mentioned UbeeO kit to test for hygienic bees and said that he intends to order some kits. Also talked about the Autoclave.



Minutes submitted by Ellen Melcher,  
Appointed in the absence of the  
Secretary.

# CCBA Opportunities

## **CCBA Monthly Meeting**

**April 23rd, 2024**

Program- 6 p.m. (In the hives– CCBA Apiary)

Business Meeting– 7 p.m.

## **Franklin County Extension Office**

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

\*Membership renewal for 2024 is being accepted.

## **CCBA Farmer's Market Honey Booth**

**May 11th, 2024, 8:30-12 noon**

## **Franklin County Farmer's Market**

404 Wilkinson Blvd.

Frankfort, KY

Setup 7:30



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