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The Capital Bee

August 2021

“One of the last natives to flower, white snakeroot (*Ageratina altissima*) [an Aster] is a late-season boon to hungry pollinators like bees...Its frothy white disc flowers bloom from late summer through fall and provide vital nectar and pollen before the weather turns cold and food becomes scarce. “
[click here to learn more about this native.](#)”

The Official Newsletter of The Capital City Beekeepers Association

Mary Ann

July CCBA Honey Booth

The July CCBA Honey Booth was quite the attraction thanks to the Educational resources provided by McKenzie Jones and her observation hive next to the Association's offerings (see below). It was a great match that allowed members to interact with folks about bees and beekeeping. McKenzie explained to children and adults about beekeeping in a way they could easily understand. A native of Franklin County, McKenzie led the initiative to start a bee farm and research project at Murray State University. [See her story here.](#)



McKenzie Jones and husband with her three frame observation hive.



Worth a thousand words, these young ladies watch "the ladies".



Folks made a beeline to see the observation hive.



Even our four footed friends were excited about the honey

Four Members Attended the Honey Booth this month, left to right, George Fowler, Ken Daniels, Dan Ramey and Wes Henry (not pictured). An interesting note is that besides honey, beeswax candles were more popular than in times past.



Capital City Beekeepers' Library

The Library is now
"Onsite"

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 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.

Kentucky State Fair 2021

The CCBA was well represented at 2021 Kentucky State Fair this year with entries into the many classes for Honey and Bees. Lynn Morris won 2nd Premium and

Jack winning 3rd Premium in Class 7 (4-1 lbs. jars of light extracted honey), Lynn Morris for 2nd Premium in Class 9 (4-1 lbs. jars of amber extracted honey). Jack Kuhn for 1st Premium in Class 10 (4-1 lbs. jars of dark amber honey). Lynn Morris for 1st Premium and Ken Daniels for 3rd in Class 11 (4-2 lbs. jars of light extracted honey). Jack Kuhn for 2nd Premium in Class 12 (4-2 lbs. jars of light-amber extracted honey). Lynn Morris for 1st Premium, Class 14 (4-2 lbs. jars of dark-amber extracted honey). Jack Kuhn 2nd Premium for chunk honey in Class 15 (4-wide-mouth pints of chunk comb honey any color). Jack also won 1st premium for class 1-Any Frame Comb Honey Light. [To see all the](#)

[Results Click Here.](#) Congratulations to all participants and the help that Tana gave us at our county fair, in year's past and our meeting program last month no doubt has helped.



Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on August 20, 2021 for August 24, 2021 Meeting

General

Beginning Balance (July 22, 2021) **\$2829.29**

Receipts

Farmers Market Fees	(August – 3)	\$30.00
Dues (1 Individual)		\$10.00
Sale of Bumper Sticker		\$2.00
Interest (7/31)		<u>\$.25</u>
Total Receipts		\$42.25

Expenditures

Stipend for Honey Judge	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total Expenditures this period	\$50.00

Currant Available Balance **\$2821.54**

Checking Account: **\$2771.54**

Cash change fund **\$50.00**

Notes:

Wilson check for July = \$301.25 and was distributed to 5 participating members.

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

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance **\$579.79**

Receipts

Interest (7/31)	<u>\$.07</u>
Total Receipts	\$.07

Expenditures

Total Expenditures **NONE**

Ending Balance **\$579.86**

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes of 27 July 2021

Program:

It was our pleasure to have as our program presenter Ms. Tana Peers, Welsh Honey Judge. Tana is one of only two trained Welsh Honey Judges in Kentucky. She is well known for her judging skills, but even moreso for the information that she provides while judging. This evening she explained the standards for judging honey and providing us with very valuable information on what to do and what not to do to prepare our honey for competition. She has recently curtailed her judging activities and we are most fortunate for her willingness to continue judging for the Franklin County Fair. Our deepest respect and gratitude go to her for all that she has done for our association and its members.

Business Meeting:

President Wes Henry called this month's meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. thanking Tana for her most interesting and very informative presentation. Next, he asked for a vote of approval of last month's meeting minutes as they were published in the newsletter. Our Librarian, Mr. George Fowler mentioned that the minutes were incorrect when they stated that a 'green' 3x5 card has been placed in each book for check-out purposes. What the minutes should have stated is that the 3x5 cards are 'white' and that when filled out, they should be placed in the 'green' box. The secretary deeply regrets this error and promises to correct the mistake. With this issue resolved to everyone's satisfaction, the minutes were approved by a voice vote of all 'Yeas' and no 'Nays' (or was it 'Neighs'?)

Treasurer George Fowler provided our monthly financial report, which was also in the newsletter. This report was also approved by a voice vote. He mentioned that we had intended to donate a dollar for each member to the Franklin County Fair Board. However, since there are ninety-eight members, the donation was increased to \$100. A motion was made and seconded that we provide a \$50 honorarium to Tana Peers for judging the Franklin County Fair and for this evening's program. Finally, George reminded the membership of our availability to sell honey on consignment at Wilson's Nurseries. Wilson's pays \$7 wholesale for each pound jar of honey that they sell. While this is less than retail price, it is still a good deal since they do all of the stocking, displaying and selling. Plus, it's a good advertising opportunity for the seller.

Activity Reports:

Swarm Report:

With swarm season pretty much over, hopefully, we received only a single call regarding what was thought to be a swarm of bees. The 'swarm' however turned out to be a nest of ground dwelling bees. Hopefully the information that we were able to provide the lady was helpful.

Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler reported that our copy of *Honeybee Democracy* has been returned and is ready to be again checked out (after the 'white' card has been properly utilized).

Old Business:

Eastern Apicultural Society:

The annual meeting of the EAS will be held on the 11th through the 13th of August in Shepherdsville. The EAS is one of the largest beekeeping organizations in the country and its annual meetings are held annually throughout the eastern United States.

Farmers Market:

Four members, Ken Daniels, Michael Wiley, Wes and George manned the booth and sold honey at the July Franklin County Farmer's Market. Rain showers slowed business for a little while, but honey sales were good. Next month the booths will be facing toward the inside of the shelter, which should make things a little better.

2021 KY State Fair:

As in previous years, CCBA will be manning the KSBA Honey Booth on the Tuesday of the State Fair, which is August 24th this year. Tuesday is also Senior Citizens' Day and is typically quite busy. Hours have changed for this year and our shift will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Volunteers should meet at the Walmart parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

For those who are planning on selling honey at the Honey Booth, your honey can be dropped on starting on the 15th and the

July 27th Minutes Cont.

18th of August. Honey Booth guidelines and the pricing list are available in June's *Beelines* and at the KSBA's website: kybees.org.

As per last month's minutes, the secretary contacted KSBA regarding tickets for our volunteers and the honey jars for the two breakfasts involved. The tickets will be sent out in about two weeks and another member of KSBA volunteered to provide all of the honey and bottles for the breakfasts, due to time running out for making other preparations.

Franklin County Fair:

The Franklin County Fair was held on the 20th thru the 24th. The first day's activities included the honey category judging. Tana Peers did the judging honors and provided an on-going commentary on what she was doing and what she was looking for. We extend our congratulations to our members who competed and for those winning, including a tie for 1st Place in one category. It was good to see more entries this year and especially more public attendance.

New Business:

County Fair Liaison:

After numerous years serving as the CCBA liaison to the County Fair, George Fowler has stepped down. We extend our gratitude to George for all his past work in this capacity. We therefore asked if anyone would be willing to take on these duties, which include working with the Franklin Co. Fair Board, connecting with others, scheduling among a few other things. Lynn Morris said that she would consider accepting the challenge. (In CCBA terminology, this means that we are grateful to Lynn for being the new liaison!)

CCBA Potluck Dinner:

It looks quite possible that we will be able to have our annual potluck dinner at our October meeting. The date will be October 26th, (the fourth Tuesday of the month) starting at 6 p.m. John Antenucci has agreed once again to plan for the purchase and delivery of our traditional beef brisket. Jack Kuhn will work with the County Extension Office to keep updated on any Covid restrictions that then may be in place. Kay and Ken Daniels along with Marsha Bezold will provide the decorations. What we really need now are suggestions for a keynote speaker and door prize donations.

Nomination of Officers:

We will also be accepting nominations for officers at the October meeting. If you are willing to volunteer for an officer's position and able to give back a little to the organization, please contact any of the current officers. The Election of Officers will occur at our November meeting, which rather than the usual fourth Tuesday, will be the third Tuesday of the month, i.e., November 23rd this year.

Bluegrass Bee School 2022:

Once again it is time to start planning for next year's Bluegrass Beekeeping School. Several questions regarding it were raised at the county fair. Soon we will be contacting our partners at the Bluegrass Beekeepers Organization and begin discussion on whether or not we should sponsor one and, if so, start coordinating the preparations.

From the Floor:

The question was raised as to whether there is anything that we can do to reduce swarming. Due to the good weather that we have had many colonies are peaking earlier than usual and thus tending to swarm. Providing more space to your colonies is one means of trying to reduce the risk of swarming.

If the rains arrive in August as promised, beekeeping should have a good fall.

Adjournment:

At 8:02 p.m. We offered George the opportunity to make a motion for adjournment. Unflinchingly George jumped at the chance and made the motion. Curt Wallace graciously seconded the motion, thus ending our July meeting. The next CCBA meeting will be on August 24th.

Most Respectfully,

Jan W. Rafert

CCBA Secretary

CCBA Opportunities

CCBA Monthly Meeting

August 24th, 2021

[Franklin County Extension Office](#)

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

Program @ 6p.m.: Beekeeping Q & A

Business meeting, 7 p.m.

[Ky State Fair](#) Booth

West Wing Ky Fairgrounds, Louisville, KY

August 24th, 2021

Members Participating should meet
in Frankfort Walmart Parking lot by
8:15 a.m. (10 a.m. till 3 p.m. at Fair)



CCBA Honey Farmer's Market Booth

September 11th, 2021

[Franklin County Farmer's Market](#)

Frankfort, KY



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