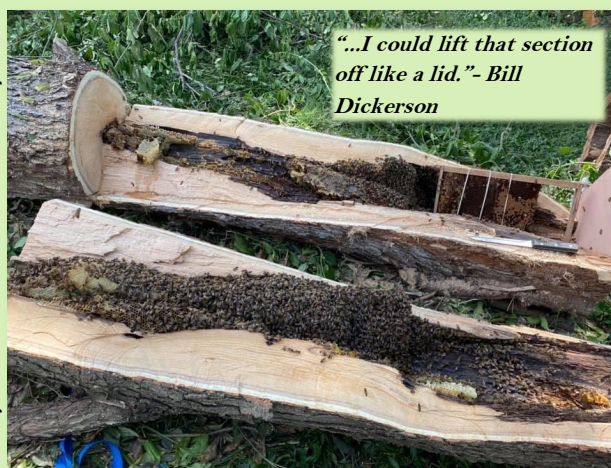




The Official Newsletter for The Capital City Beekeepers Association

A Cut-Out in Two Creeks

CCBA member Bill Wilson answered the call for a beehive that was discovered. In his words, “ Artie Van Houten, a local developer, wanted to clear a few trees off a lot he owns in Two Creeks to give a better view of the golf course. He sent a couple guys to take care of it, and they got one of the trees down in short order. Easy work as it was hollow. As they cut the first log off the downed trunk, they opened up the cavity with the bee colony in it. The bees were not happy and decided to light the guys up. That’s when we got the call to remove them. I separated the log the guys were cutting from the trunk, and covered the hole with a piece of plywood. The bees went back to using their old entrance. I stuffed that with plastic shopping bags to block it off. Then I used a chainsaw to cut as far up either side of the trunk as I thought the colony occupied, and cut over the top so I could lift that section off like a lid. I was careful to cut through only the hard wood, leaving the soft wood intact so the bees couldn’t get out until I pried the top off...”



“...I could lift that section off like a lid.”- Bill Dickerson

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In cooperation with the precautions set forth, CCBA has again cancelled our regularly meeting at the extension office. However, we will be conducting a FB live program at 6 p.m. and afterwards our business meeting August 25th, via online conference call. Members were sent the sign-on information credentials. If you are a member and did not receive the email please contact Jan Rafert at jwrafert@gmail.com. - Wes Henry, CCBA President



ABF Honey Princess Presents in August



Despite the absence of the 2020 State Fair ABF Honey Princess Sydney Pauslrud is coming to KY with a modified schedule. For our regularly scheduled monthly meeting program for August, CCBA will host Sydney virtually using Facebook Live from the Franklin County Extension Office. [An event was setup on the CCBA Facebook Page.](#) Any and all are invited to join us. Sydney will not only talk about her role as the American Honey Princess, but also about varietal honey of which she will have some on hand. She will tackle questions of varietals,

such as what makes a varietal, how to get honey tested for classification as a varietal, which will lead into a couple of on the spot demonstrations of using honeys in recipes, and more. The program starts at 6 p.m.

Our regular business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. utilizing Zoom and members will be sent the link.

CCBA August Honey Booth

This month's Franklin County Farmer's Market Honey Booth was again open on the 8th of month. Unfortunately, because of circumstance beyond their control, two other members that had planned to be there could not attend. President Wes Henry, however, was able to sell his honey and interact with folks. The Covid-19 precautions are still in effect and weather could not have been better for August—a wonderful break from the heat and humidity we had been experiencing until then. September's Farmer's Market booth is scheduled for September 12th.



Honey outperforms Antibiotics for cough and cold



According to a recent Fox News Report, "Honey appears to be more effective in treating cough and cold symptoms than antibiotics, according to a new study."

[Click here to get the full report](#)

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes of 28 July 2020

NOTE: This meeting, as those of the past few months, was conducted via telecommunication.

Program:

Jack Kuhn and Sarah Preston did a live Facebook broadcast at 6:00 p.m. inspecting our association's hives. Jack treated the smaller hive with Apiguard. He had treated this hive twice before in the past month. He used Apiguard with an expiration date of 2009 to test its efficiency. The top-bar is doing very well and expanding down the hive. Jack added several more bars to assist the bees.

Meeting:

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting began with a presentation by Jack Kuhn gave presentation regarding preparing for winter, treating for mites and queen issues. These were the three main topics requested by members through our recent survey.

Following Jack's presentation, Wes called for approval of the minutes of the June meeting and the Treasurer's report as they appeared in the recent newsletter. There were no objections, and this was taken as an approval of both.

Activity Reports:

Swarm Report:

George Fowler reported that he found a swarm today and Sarah Preston said that she was able to capture a swarm from one of Dadant's hives. The secretary also mentioned receiving a report of a colony of bees in the wall of a barn and he was able to find a member from our swarm list to deal with the issue.

Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler said that he felt that the best thing for our current library would be a rolling cart that could be stored in the lower level of the Franklin County Extension Office. He mentioned that a new cart would cost somewhere in the \$150 range. A short discussion followed regarding the possible availability of a used cart through an auction. The discussion ended with a motion, a second and an approval that \$150 be allocated to purchase a new cart.

Old Business:

Farmers Market:

The Frankfort Farmers Market has opened, and things have changed due to Covid-19. Wes said that all tables now face toward the outside and patrons move in a single-direction pattern. Ours was the first booth and patrons were able to continue on the loop. We did have some sales and enrolled a new member.

Shirts:

Ken Daniels again reported that a few shirts are still available and individual orders can be made.

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes of 28 July 2020

Cont.

Pollinator Protection Program:

Wes mentioned that one of our CCBA members had received an email notice that there would be spraying of insecticides within five miles of his property. This notice was sent as part of the Pollinator Protection Program which notifies beekeepers in advance of potential threats to their hives and allowing them to close their hives beforehand. Wes encourages all members who haven't signed up for the PPP to do so. It's easy to join and can be very helpful. The names of the beekeeper and those of those spraying are not disclosed.

Kentucky State Fair:

Wes reported that the officers of the KY State Beekeepers Assoc. have decided today not to have a Honey Booth at this year's State Fair. However, there still will be Certified Kentucky Honey Program booth for informational purposes only. Sarah Preston, CKHP manager, added that the booth would include a human-sized nuc and that volunteers are still needed from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The 2020 American Federation of Beekeepers' Honey Princess will be at the fair and will join us via Zoom for our August meeting on the 25th. We look forward to meeting and interacting with her.

New Business:

There was no new business or anything from the floor, save carpet stains!

Adjournment:

Curt Wallace made a motion to adjourn and, uncharacteristically, George Fowler seconded the motion somewhere before 8 p.m. {A good secretary would know the exact time!}

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert

A Cut-Out

“...I took a full hive setup with a couple deeps, empty frames, and a bag of rubber bands. I used a bread knife to cut the comb to size so it would fit in the frames and used the rubber bands to hold it in place. I filled a full 10 frames. There was mostly honey, with a little older brood ready to hatch, but no eggs or larvae and I never found the queen. She was likely crushed when the tree came down. When I got them home, I installed a queen and empty brood frames for the queen to lay in. They are doing well so far. Within a week they had all the comb secured to the frames. There was a some comb left further up in the tree, so with the help of [fellow CCBA member] Kathy Stephanski, I returned and removed a second section of trunk and brought it home where it was immediately robbed-out by my other hives.”



Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on August 18 for the August 2020 Meeting

General

Beginning Balance (July 22, 2020) \$3174.96

Receipts

Dues – CCBA (1 families) \$30.00

Note this family paid for 2019 & 2020

Dues – CCBA (2 individuals) \$20.00

Farmers market seller fees – July \$20.00

August \$10.00

Interest on Checking Acct. (7/31) \$0.27

Total Receipts \$80.27

Expenditures

None

Total Expenditures \$0.00

Currant Available Balance \$3255.23

Checking Account: \$3205.23

Cash change fund \$50.00

Notes:

1. Wilson check for July = \$129.00 for 3 member/participants.
2. The treasurer maintains a \$50.00 cash change fund for use at meetings and events.

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$479.05

Receipts

Interest on savings account (7/31) \$0.06

Total Receipts \$.06

Total Expenditures NONE

Ending Balance \$479.11

The Capital Bee

Opportunities



CCBA Regular Scheduled Meeting-
August 25th,

[Facebook Live Program on CCBA FB page, 6 p.m.](#)

Business Meeting via ZOOM, 7 p.m. Members
sent sign-on information.

1st 2020 CCBA Honey Booth (Tentative)

- September 12th, 7:30 a.m.-12 Noon

[Franklin County Farmers Market, Frankfort, KY](#)

