

The Capital Bee

December 2021

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A great way to pass the time and still engage your senses is to enjoy a jigsaw puzzle of your interest and yes, Merry Christmas to all!

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CCBA Holiday Market Honey Booth 2022

The Holiday market has traditionally been the December Farmer's Market a couple weeks before Christmas. This again fell on the Saturday that the CCBA has the Honey Booth for the month. It was a blustery day after a night of deadly tornados in the Commonwealth. The morning started warm but after a brief shower and strong winds, the temperature fell dramatically and became cold with the wind chill. Two members (Wes Henry and George Fowler) were present for the honey Booth but members John Antenucci and Jack Khun were at the



Tables were cornucopias of Fall Produce

market in their regular booths as well. Other tables were absolutely full of fall produce—beets, sweet potatoes, greens of all sorts, squashes, carrots, etc..

Besides extracted and cut comb-honey, beeswax and beeswax candles were also offered to the Market goers at the CCBA booth. The Market was well attended and seemed to decrease steadily after the temperature change. The winter Market is scheduled every other Saturday beginning January 8th, 10-11:30 a.m. The CCBA has the opportunity



The other harvest of the hive—wax—was offered.

to participate both Saturdays until April 16th. Afterwards the Market again is opened every weekend. If members still have honey to sell and want to brave the possible cold weather, they have the opportunity to do so and as Frankfort's Local Beekeepers, interact with the folks of the Capital City.



Turnips, lettuces, sweet potatoes, and more

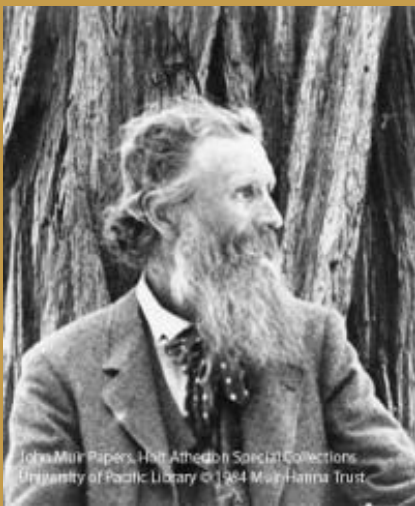
Beekeeper's



Almanac

Patty Cake-Patty Cake

Everyone needs a little help from time to time folks say and admit. Even the bees do during the dearth of winter's bareness. Locally, the 2021 fall-flow wasn't as many would have hoped and most of the syrup-feeding may have went into the stomachs of the citizens of the waxen city instead of the storage combs themselves. Supplemental feeding of fondant, dry sugar, or most commonly winter-patties, is good insurance to have. The Central Kentucky Beekeeping calendar suggests a first application at Thanksgiving and on "warm" days from time to time afterwards to check and reapply as necessary. One such event (pictured right) on Christmas Day 2021, found some seasonal *comfort and joy* with many bees and an addition to the top-bar-larder. Remember the shim for a bit of space too if needed.



"Handle a book as a bee does a flower, extract its sweetness but do not damage it."—

John Muir

John Muir, also known as "John of the Mountains" and "Father of the National Parks", was an influential Scottish-American naturalist, author, environmental philosopher, botanist, zoologist, glaciologist, and early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States of America. [Wikipedia](#)



Folks think only of planting spring and summer for bees, why not for winter?

"Winter is for Witchhazel"

Phoresy— An association between two organisms where one transports another, such as a mite that attaches itself to a bee.



At this stage in the life of varroa it is most advantageous for Oxalic Acid applications, such is now, in Winter, with little or no "capped" brood in the colony.

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report
Prepared on December 17, 2021. No meeting scheduled for December.
Meeting, Submitted by George Fowler, Tres.

General

Beginning Balance (November 11, 2021) \$2695.63

Receipts

Farmers Market Fees (Nov. – 2) \$20.00

Interest (10/31) \$.23

Total Receipts **\$20.23**

Expenditures

Purchase of Library Book \$58.50

Purchase of Postage Stamps \$23.20

Total Expenditures **\$81.70**

Currant Available Balance **\$2634.16**

Checking Account: **\$2584.16**

Cash change fund **\$50.00**

Notes:

Because of the treasurer's skillful typing, the total available funds was stated on the November report as \$2695.43 rather than the correct amount \$2695.63 shown above.

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

The November Wilson check = \$320.50 and was distributed to 5 participants.

The December Wilson check = \$248.50 and was distributed to 5 participants.

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$727.59

Receipts

Interest (11/30) \$.09

Total Receipts **\$.09**

Expenditures

Total Expenditures **NONE**

Ending Balance **\$727.68**

Meeting Minutes of 16 November 2021

Submitted by Jan Rafert, Secretary

Program

Jack Kuhn provided this month's program on the subject of Winter Hive Prep and Care. As is his wont, Jack provided timely and important information. Once again, he emphasized the importance of treating for mites with various products at different times of the year.

Meeting:

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. by asking if everyone had received the November newsletter and encouraged our members to contribute to future editions. He then called for any comments or corrections to the October minutes, as they appeared in the newsletter. There being no comments or corrections, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer George Fowler then presented the financial report, stating that there wasn't much activity of late, save that our monthly savings account interest jumped from 7 cents to 8 cents!

Activity / Committee Reports:

Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler said that *Honey Bee Alchemy* by Valery A Isidorov will be added to our library after a recommendation by Jack Kuhn. If anyone else has suggestions for library additions, please let George know. He finished his report by saying that a library is good, only if it is used.

Potluck Dinner:

Wes expressed his and the association's gratitude to all who helped make it a success and a most enjoyable evening. He mentioned that it was great to have J.J. Haney as our speaker, explaining how the KSU autoclave works, what it does, what to expect and what materials are acceptable. This was timely information prior to the autoclave being available to us tomorrow.

Autoclave:

The weather was good, and a number of our members took advantage of the opportunity to have their woodenware sterilized. There was enough equipment for two cycles of the autoclave, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending around noon.

Candlelight at Gibby's:

On November 11th and 12th, CCBA once again had a presence at the annual Frankfort Candlelight Tour thanks to the management of Gibby's restaurant, even though the restaurant remains closed [in the evenings]. The weather was terrible and the crowd was light, but we did have some honey sales.

November Farmers Market

Despite the cold, the Farmer's Market was busy. The next market, the Holiday Market, will be on December 11th and the hours will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Winter markets start in January, will be held every second weekend and will be open from 10 until 11:30 a.m. Our first market will be on the 8th of January and there will be no member seller fees for the winter markets. Regular farmers markets will resume in May.

November Minutes Cont.

Old Business

Officer Nominations:

The officer nominations for 2022 were: Wes Henry for President; Michael Wiley for Vice President; George Fowler for Treasurer and Lynn Morris for Fair Liaison. There were no nominations for the vacant positions of Secretary and Program Director. A vote was taken, and all nominees were unanimously elected.

Wes stated that he has a couple of possible candidates for the secretarial position and will be contacting them. If one of these accepts the position, we will only be in need of a Program Director.

Membership Dues for 2022:

After being tabled in our October meeting, George's motion that current members not be charged dues for 2022 was addressed. After being seconded by John Antenucci, the motion was approved. Hopefully we will be able to get more active participation from our members.

John suggested that we contact our members to see how they are doing, if they are still keeping bees and if there is anything that we can do to help revitalize our meetings. Michael Wiley threw out the idea of possibly having an event in February, possibly entitled "Bee Mine". Other possibilities would be having door prizes or more food at meetings. If anyone has additional suggestions or comments, please don't hesitate in letting us know. It's your association and it should be and is here for you!

Bluegrass Bee School:

A planning meeting with the Bluegrass Beekeepers was held and a date has been confirmed with KSU. The 2022 school will be held on Saturday March 12th. Our State Apiarist and fellow member, Dr. Tammy Potter will be in attendance. Several speakers have been lined up, but neither the AFB Honey Queen or Honey Princess will be there. Box lunches will be provided.

It was suggested that the Fort Harrod Beekeeping Club and the Anderson County bee club be invited to serve as hosts along with the Bluegrass Beekeepers and us. The secretary will contact these organizations. [Note: The Fort Harrod Club was contacted, but we have not received a reply. Further investigation could not locate a club for Anderson County.]

New Business

Thanks:

On behalf of the entire CCBA, Wes expressed sincere gratitude to all of this year's officers for all their service and work. Personally, Wes stated that he wished 2022 to be his last year as president, but that he will continue as editor of the newsletter. He also feels that continuing the use of Facebook and Zoom for our programs and meeting is a good idea.

Adjournment

With nothing from the floor, George made his last motion for the year to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. And thus it was done. The next CCBA meeting will be on January 25th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jan W. Rafert
CCBA Secretary

CCBA Opportunities

CCBA Honey Booth

Farmer's Winter Market Booth

January 8th and 22nd, 2022

Franklin County Farmer's Market

Frankfort, KY

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

CCBA Regular Meeting

January 25th, 2022 (First Meeting of the Year)

Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

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

Annual Bluegrass Bee-School

March 12th, 2022

Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY

More details forthcoming

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.

Capital City Beekeepers' Library

The Library is now
"Onsite"

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.