



*The Official Newsletter of the Capital City Beekeepers*

## June's Program: Extracting

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At the June meeting Treasurer George Fowler led the program on "Extracting Honey". Using a power point presentation and on-hand equipment George explained the use of different tools and methods of uncapping the cells with a hot knife (shown right), scrapper, and a serrated knife. It was noted that a capping tub can be purchased, but also a simple one could be made as member Thomas Scott had done and demonstrated some time back, from a storage tub.



George went on to present to those in attendance the history and differences in extractors, tangential and radial. Included was the discovery to some, an attachment to allow a radial extractor to sling "deep frames".

One of the most important aspects of extracted honey is being sure the water content is below the threshold of 20% to prevent fermentation. With that



George Fowler presents a program on Extracting at the June CCBA Meeting.

in mind, the use of a refractometer of which the Association has one for members to use, was explained. Even though many of us had extracted before, all learned something new, or discovered a new tip or trick to the sticky job of extracting. Many thanks to George for his informative program.



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*154 Years of  
Extracted Honey*

In 1865, Major Hruschka, an Austrian who later moved near Venice, Italy invented the extractor when he saw his son swing a comb of honey in a basket and noticed the honey was thrown from the comb.

Before the extractor, honey was sold in the comb or the comb was crushed and the honey drained.

Langstroth said it best of the innovation "...a plan devised ... for emptying the honey from the comb, without injuring the comb."

## July's Farmer's Market



Members Wayne Parrish, Ken Daniels, and Dan Ramey.

Hot and sunny and packed and the honey flowed easy at July's Farmer's Market in downtown Frankfort. CCBA members were on hand to sell their spring harvest and folks were ready to not only taste, but to take some home too. As is every second Saturday at the Market, it was Kids Day and the vouchers were traded for the free honey sticks. The brochures on Kentucky beekeeping, pollinators, and Honey Recipes from this year's and year's past Honey Queen and Princess were a hit as well. Many that came by the booth picked some up, a few expressed their interest in keeping bees, and we had an opportunity to invite them to the meetings as well. Many in the Association have taken the opportunity to use the CCBA's extractor purchased last year and should have honey to sell at the August booth and for county fair entries. As well, there is talk that the association may have the observation hive on hand then. It's always

a big crowd draw and a fascination to young and old alike and a few members dedicated to that for discussion and to maintain the hive will be needed. As always even if you don't have honey to sell, all members should consider coming down for a while and participate.



Tasters young and grown, try the offerings of the bees.



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The four entries of the light honey division on display after judging. Besides the Black jar division it is the most entered as most spring honey is light in color here in the central part of the state.



Jack Kuhn's capped honey beautifully displayed. Jack says when he first checks his supers he watches for frames that could qualify.



Displayed here are two beeswax candle entries. George Fowler's artistic "Owl Candle" and Wes Henry's T-lites, both won a blue ribbon. The judge does have the capability to award multiple blue ribbons in any category if the entries qualify. Also, the judge has the right not to award any blue ribbon in any category

## 2019 Franklin County Fair



The 2019 County Fair Entries judged, awarded and displayed.

Entries for the 2019 Franklin County Fair were accepted beginning Monday July 15th at the Farm Bureau Pavilion at the Silver Lake Park in Frankfort. The deadline for entries was 11:00 Tuesday morning when judging would begin. Tana Peers certified Welsh Honey Judge– again judged the honey entries. CCBA sponsors the category and the results are as Follows:

### 2019 Franklin County Fair Honey Division Report

	Blue	Red	White	Number of entries
Light Honey	Jack	Ken	Penny	4
Amber Honey	Jack	Wes		2
Black Painted Jar	Jack	Ken	Wes	4
Cut Comb	Jack			1
Chunk Honey	Jack			1
Honey Frame	Jack			1
Wax Candles (tie)	Wes & George			2

Jack Kuhn won the 2019 Grand Apiarist with six entries and blue ribbons. Congratulations Jack!



### CCBA Wins Grand Champion Best of Show for Display

Honey Judge Tana Peers was sufficiently impressed with the club's display to lobby for The CCBA's Honey Division Display to be awarded Best of Show. The display included tools of the art, wax candles, older Bee Culture Magazines (Pre-Varroa) and educational information on Bee development. See Capital City Beekeepers FB Page for more pics.

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It's Hot Out  
There!



"Bearding" is a common reaction of colonies to deal with the summer heat of July and August and anytime it's hot out there. Many times new beekeepers, "new-bees"-get very concerned when it occurs. It has been explained as the bees simply hanging out on the front porch to cool off on a hot summer night. The picture above was taken early morning, July 19th, just a few days before the release of this newsletter, by Wes Henry in a ridgetline bee-yard his.

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If you haven't remitted your 2019 dues, you may do so at the next meeting, July 23rd, or mail with your information to:

Jan Rafert  
1662 Talmage Mayo Rd.  
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

## Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes May, 2019

### Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes of 25 June, 2019

#### Program:

Prior to the business meeting, George Fowler gave an interesting and informative presentation regarding the honey extraction.

#### Meeting:

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

The first item of business was a call for a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting as found in newsletter. The motion was made by Allan Alsip, seconded by Eddie McNutt and approved by the members. [Note: the secretary expresses his gratitude to Marsha Bezold for taking the May minutes in his absence.]

Treasurer George Fowler presented the club's financial report. The association's current balance is \$2,999.22. In addition to this, there is \$5 in our savings account, which was needed to open our checking account a few years ago. The motion to accept the report was made by Wayne Parrish, seconded by Allan Alsip and approved.

#### Committee Reports:

**Swarm Committee** – the secretary reported that no swarms have been reported to the association within the last month.

**Outreach Committee** – President Wes Henry has reached out to two local high schools to see if they would be interested in having hives, but has not as of yet received a reply.

**Library Committee** – George Fowler reported that the library still exists, is here and will gratefully accept bee related books.

**Farmers Market** – Our participation in this month's Farmers Market went well for two of our members who sold about \$150 worth of honey each.

Wes announced that Allen James was the first member to check out our extractor.

#### Old Business:

Ken Daniels said the **shirt and cap order** has arrived and the items are ready to be picked up by those who ordered them.

Wes provided a brief re-cap of the meeting held by KSBA for club presidents and certified honey producers. Major topics addressed included KSBA's new website with on line memberships for both the association and the certified honey program; the future implementa-

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### Dates to Remember

#### CCBA July Monthly Meeting

July 23, 2019, 6-8  
p.m.

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

#### Spellapalooza Honey Sale

August 9<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.

[Thorn Hill  
Education Center,  
700 Leslie Ave.,  
Frankfort, KY](#)

15% of sales is  
donated

#### CCBA Farmer's Market Booth

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

[Franklin County  
Farmer's Market  
Frankfort, Ky](#)

#### KSBA Honey Booth

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019,  
Ky State Fair West  
Wing

Louisville, KY  
Leaving [Frankfort  
Walmart Parking lot](#)  
7:30 a.m.

## 2019 Franklin County Fair Honey Division Rules

tion of statewide mentoring programs for hobbyists, sideliners and commercial beekeepers; and the possibility of grants through the State Department of Agriculture. Finally, the state will be establishing a laboratory for analyzing honey to verify that it is indeed KY produced. If anyone has any questions regarding honey that they see being sold, whether it may be improperly labeled or whatever, they should contact the KY Dept. of Food Safety.

### **New Business:**

Wayne Parrish made a motion that **the association waves the \$10 seller's fee for the Saturday Farmers Market.** Wes explained that when we first discussed the market, we weren't sure how it would work out. It's working well and the fee isn't really need. Wayne's motion was seconded by John Ard and approved by the members.

Wayne asked that an email be sent to the members that if anyone wants to sell at the market on Tuesdays or Thursdays, when there are no fees, to contact him.

George Fowler reported that this year's **Spellapalooza** at the Thorn Hill Education Center will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a table there and anyone wanting to sell honey is welcome to do so. George has attend this event in the last few years and said it's a lot of fun with various teams of adults compete in a charity spelling bee. Proceeds from this event, including 15% of all honey sales, goes to help the Center in their adult education programs.

George also reported on the upcoming **Franklin Co. Fair**, which will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Last year we augmented the fair's prize money by giving a \$10 gift certificate to all the blue ribbon winners in the Honey Division. He made a recommendation that we do the same again this year. John Antenucci seconded the motion and the motion carried. For members who wish to enter in the division, the drop-off will be all day on Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, and until 11 a.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Judging will begin at noon on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up our booth on Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, and will have it open through the fair's end.

Wilson Nurseries has invited us to have a **honey tasting booth at their annual Bluegrass Eggfest on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.** The honeys that will available for tasting are those that are sold in their gift shop. It was decided that this was short notice to organize for us and that we skip this year and hopefully have earlier notice next year.

Finally, we were reminded that now is the **time to plan our varroa mite treatments**, if we haven't already.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jan W. Rafert**



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## Treasurer's Notes:

The May Check from Wilson Nurseries totaled \$108.50. This was redistributed to two 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.

The donation to the fair board covers our sponsorship of the honey division of the county fair. The amount is figured on \$1 for each member of the club.

As of the June meeting, the club voted to stop collecting farmers market fees. One member had already paid for June and declined to accept refund.

## Treasure's Report Submitted by George Fowler, Treasurer

### Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report June 25, 2019 to July 23, 2019

**Beginning Balance** \$2999.22

#### Receipts

Bumper Stickers  
\$2.00

Farmers Market Sellers Fees – June  
(1 members) \$10.00

Interest on Checking Acct.(5/31) \$0.27

**Total Receipts** \$12.27

#### Expenditures

Renewal of Website License \$96.00

County Fair Board Donation \$73.00

**Total Expenditures** \$169.00

**Currant Available Balance** \$2842.49

Checking Account: \$2792.49

Cash change fund \$50.00