

2021 Franklin County Fair-County Fair Entry Results-State Fair Honey Booth Guidelines and pricing- July CCBA Honey Booth- Treasurer's Report- June Minutes- CCBA Opportunities

# The Capital Bee

July 2021

*It's Fair Time! With the county fair now complete its on to the Kentucky State Fair in August. CCBA will again have members entering the competition and working the KSBA Honey Booth.*

*The Official Newsletter of The Capital City Beekeepers Association*

# 2021 Franklin County Fair

The 2021 Franklin County Fair was held July 20-24 this year and the CCBA was an integral part of it again with entries in various categories and also with a honey sale on Tuesday evening. Judging was done by Welsh Honey Judge Tana Peers,



The CCBA exhibition was moved to the center of the floor and welcomed folks as they entered the Exhibit Hall in the Franklin County Farm Bureau Pavilion. Many educational displays and tools of the trade were available for fair-goers to learn from and ask questions about. George Fowler, Treasurer and Fair liaison admires the exhibit (left) during Tuesday night's honey sale and Craft showing.

The Award case (right) was full of ribbons and entries after the judging. Capped frames, honey, light, amber and dark, chunk comb, and black jar, as well as cut comb, with wax and candles made up the competitive categories of bee-keeping this year.



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Welsh Honey Judge Tana Peers uses an LED flashlight to closely inspect this capped frame entry. Honey's also are inspected with scrutiny likewise for any foreign matter such as bubbles, wax, or pollen.

This three frame A.I. Root extractor (right) was on display for all to see the process from frame to jar of honey. Though an antique this extractor is still used when a tangential process is needed or deep frames need to be extracted by owner Wes Henry.



The late morning Judging of the honey division by Welsh Honey Judge Tana Peers was an attraction to not only those in the CCBA but many folks young and old at the exhibit hall. Tana did us all a service of explaining the process and the reasons for her decisions.

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Tana uses at left, an instrument called a refractometer to test for moisture in each jar of honey. This was a test for the classes of Light, Amber, dark, and chunk comb honeys. Moisture should be less than 18.1% and “honey with moisture content 18.1%-18.69% would have points deducted”. “Honey moisture in excess of 18.7% would be disqualified”.



Tana inspecting a jar of light honey under the light.



Meads (honey wine) and comb honey were on display in the exhibit.

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Members (above, back to front) Ken Daniels, Vice-President Michael Wiley and Jack Kuhn listen, watch and learn as Tana judges the Honey Division of the Fair.

Lunch in the Cater House (left) was a welcome reprieve from the summer heat and a time to enjoy a time relaxation after the judging.

At right, one can see it is the discretion of the judge that multiple ribbons of the same color can be awarded in the division or even none at all. See the results next page.



Judging Candles involves an inspection of how it burns.



# 2021 Franklin County Fair Results

## Honey Class

### **Light Honey:**

B.— Wes Henry, R.— Jack Kuhn, Ken Daniels and George Fowler

### **Amber Honey:**

B.— Jack Kuhn and Lynn Morris, R.-Wes Henry, W.-George Fowler

### **Dark Honey:**

B. Jack Kuhn

### **Painted Black Jar:**

B.-Ken Daniels, R.-Jack Kuhn, Wes Henry and George Fowler

### **Cut Comb:**

B.— Jack Kuhn, R.- George Fowler

### **Chunk Comb Honey:**

B.— Jack Kuhn and George Fowler

### **Wax Block (1-5 lbs.)**

B.-Wes Henry

### **Wax Candles:**

B.— George Fowler

### **Capped Honey Frame:**

B.-Jack Kuhn, R.-George Fowler

## 2021 KSBA Honey Booth

A great opportunity for KSBA members is to sell their honey at the KSBA Honey booth at the Kentucky State Fair. This year's fair will be August 19th –29th. As a member you have the opportunity to do so. There are [guidelines and rules, and by clicking here](#) you can download and read those. If you're not a member of KSBA you must be so and pay your dues by August 1st to sell at the booth. Below is pricing for this year.



KENTUCKY STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
CERTIFIED KENTUCKY HONEY PRODUCERS  
P. O. BOX 636  
LAWRENCEBURG, KY 40342



### 2021 HONEY BOOTH PRICING

*\* Supplier will receive 70% of selling price*

#### HONEY CATEGORY                      SALE PRICE

##### EXTRACTED HONEY

8oz. Jar	\$10.00
1lb. Jar	\$14.00
Pint Jar	\$17.00
2lb. Jar	\$24.00
2.5lb. Jar	\$26.00
Quart Jar	\$30.00
3lb. Jar	\$32.00
5lb. Jar	\$42.00
8oz. Bear	\$10.00
12oz. Bear	\$12.00
2oz. Bear	\$ 4.00

##### COMB HONEY

1lb. Jar	\$16.00
2lb. Jar	\$26.00
PINT Jar	\$21.00
2.5lb. Jar	\$28.00
Quart Jar	\$32.00
1lb. Box	\$14.00
Ross Round	\$14.00

##### CREAM HONEY

8oz. Jar	\$12.00
12oz. Jar	\$14.00
1lb. Jar	\$16.00

##### VARIOUS ITEMS

Wax Per Pound	\$14.00
Pollen 8oz. Jar	\$10.00
Certified KY Honey Straws	\$ 0.50
Candy	\$ 0.25
	(5 for \$1.00)

# Capital City Beekeepers' Library

## The Library is now "Onsite"

With the relaxing of restrictions, 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.

### July's CCBA Honey Booth

The CCBA Honey Booth was July 10th and with four members participating. Seen at right, left to right, is Michael Wiley, George Fowler, and Ken Daniels. It was another summer day and the brief shower did not keep shoppers away for long. All members are invited to not only sell their "hive products" but come and interact with the public and network with other members. The next Market booth is August 14th.





# Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

## Prepared on July 22, 2021 for the July 27, 2021 Meeting

### General

Beginning Balance (June 17, 2021) \$2898.89

### Receipts

Farmers Market Fees (July – 4)	\$40.00
Dues (1 Family)	\$15.00
Interest (6/30)	\$.24
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$55.24</b>

### Expenditures

Purchase of one library book	\$24.84
County Fair Board Donation	\$100.00
<b>Total Expenditures this period</b>	<b>\$124.84</b>

**Currant Available Balance \$2829.29**

**Checking Account: \$2779.29**

**Cash change fund \$50.00**

### Notes:

Wilson check for July = \$475.00 and was distributed to 4 participating members.

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

### Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$579.72

### Receipts

Interest (6/30)	\$.07
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$.07</b>

### Expenditures

**Total Expenditures NONE**

**Ending Balance \$579.79**

# Capital City Beekeepers Association

## Meeting Minutes of 22 June 2021

### Program:

With the assistance of our camera person Armando Arrastia, Jack Kuhn did our monthly hive inspections and provided information on Varroa mite treatments. The entire program is available for viewing on the Capital City Beekeepers Facebook page.

### Meeting:

President Wes Henry called this month's meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and expressed approbations to Jack and for once again providing this evening's program.

For the first time in more than a year, we were able to meet without having to wear masks and social distancing, and we will once again have snacks will be allowed.

Wes first called for any corrections or comments regard the minutes of the May meeting, as they were published in the newsletter. With there being neither, he called for a vote for approving the minutes, which were subsequently approved.

Next was a call for approval of the treasurer's report, also included in the newsletter, as provided by treasurer George Fowler. With no comments or questions forthcoming, Wes called for the approval of the report and, thus, it was done.

### Activity Reports:

#### Swarm Report:

We received a call regarding a swarm a couple of days ago from Frankfort Dept. of Parks but it was there only briefly and then was gone. Overall swarming activity is winding down.

If anyone is in need of a queen or queens due to swarming or for other reasons, we were told that Honey Bear Farms does have queens for sale.

#### Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler reported that there was nothing new and exciting. Our library is now housed at the extension office and available to the members at all meetings. A green, 3x5 cards have been added to each book. Members should complete this card when borrowing a book. The loan period is one month and may be extended if no other member is waiting for that volume. Jack currently has our newest book, *Honeybee Democracy*, checked out and stated that it very interesting and quite informative.

### Old Business:

#### KSU Autoclave:

The subject of the autoclave was un-tabled. It is up and running. Wes spoke with Dr. Tom Webster and was told that there is a new lady supervising and scheduling the autoclave. J.J. is quite busy traveling from one site to another with the autoclave. It looks quite favorable for us to schedule a visit here in the fall. This will be an opportune time to get our equipment cleaned and ready for next season.

Also Dr. Webster is looking for swarms if anyone sees or knows of one in the future.

#### Eastern Apicultural Society:

Current information regarding this year's meeting of the EAS can be found in our June newsletter.

#### Farmers Market:

Ken Daniels, Dan Ramey, Wes, and George manned our booth at the June Farmers Market. Besides the honey sales, they found a prospective member, handed out coloring books and honey sticks. The books were donated by Tasha at Dandant & Sons and the honey sticks were donated by a member. We are especially grateful for these donations.

# June 2021 Minutes Cont.

## 2021 KY State Fair:

The entry deadline to enter this year's Bee & Honey competition is July 8<sup>th</sup> and can be completed online at the Kentucky State Fair's webpage. The registration fee of \$15 allows you to participate in all categories of this competition. Honey Booth guidelines and pricing list are available in this month's Beelines. The drop off for honey and other bee related products will be from the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> until the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Check the KSBA website for more details.

CCBA will be manning the Honey Booth on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please volunteer if you are able, just contact the secretary for more details.

The question was raised regarding providing honey for one or both breakfasts, as in years past, and the obtaining of tickets to work the booth. Our secretary will contact an officer of KSBA, more than likely the treasurer, and get the answers to these.

## Apiary Opportunity:

Stonehedge Farm, Versailles, is still looking for a beekeeper to set up an apiary on their site. The farm is beautiful, includes easy access to the location of the hives and is cost free, except maybe for an occasional bottle of honey. The owners sell produce at the local farm market and will be happy to sell any honey that the beekeeper would like to be sold. This is an excellent opportunity for those with multiple hives.

## CCBA Shirts:

There are still a few T-shirts and Polo-shirts available in various sizes. If interested attend the July meeting and/or contact Ken Daniels.

## **New Business:**

### Green Stock Festival:

On behalf of CCBA, Wes accepted an invitation from the Bridgeport Christian Church, Frankfort to participate in their Green Stock Festival on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have an educational booth, including print and video information on bees and beekeeping. It will also be an opportunity to sell honey.

### Zoom Meetings:

Now that we are able to meet with no health restrictions, we are not certain as to how much longer our meetings will be broadcast via Zoom.

### Franklin County Fair:

The Franklin Co. Fair and Horse Show has been resurrected for 2021, from the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. The Honey competition will also be back and, despite what was printed in the catalogue, will be open all CCBA members, regardless of their county of residence. Entries will be accepted on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5 until 7 p.m. and on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Monday evening will also be the time when we will be setting up our booth. Honey judging will begin at 11 a.m. with Tana Peers, once again doing the judging. This is a great opportunity to learn about how honey is judged by talking with Tana and most helpful if you are planning on having entries in the State Fair.

It was suggested that Tana Peers be invited to speak to our association and the suggestion received much support by the attending members.

### From the Floor:

George remarked about a story that he had heard about how banging pots and pans together can cause a swarm to land and asked if anyone had ever heard that. There were a number of members who had heard of it along with ringing cowbells. Some had heard that it works and others had heard that it didn't. It may be something to investigate. Wes said the term used for it is 'Tanging'.

Adjournment:At 7:56 p.m. George made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Marsha Bezold seconded the motion and the June 2021 meeting of the CCBA came to a timely end. The next CCBA meeting will be on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Most Respectfully, Jan W. Rafert, CCBA Secretary**

# CCBA Opportunities

CCBA Monthly Meeting

July 27th, 2021

[Franklin County Extension Office](#)

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

Program @ 6p.m.: Welsh Honey Judge Tana Peers on Welsh Honey Judging. (Available also on FB Live)

Business meeting, 7 p.m.



Welsh Honey Judge, Tana Peers

CCBA Honey Farmer's Market Booth

August 14th, 2021

[Franklin County Farmer's Market](#)

Frankfort, KY



Eastern Apiculture

2021 Conference

August 11-13th, 2021

Shepherdsville, KY (See Flyer pg. 7)



Society

[Ky State Fair](#) Booth

August 24th, 2021 (Morning till 12 noon)



Green Stock Festival

Educational Booth and Honey Sale

Bridgeport Christian Church, Frankfort KY

September 25, 2021