



The honey-bee mural on the River Walk- Frankfort, Ky

The Official Newsletter for The Capital City Beekeepers Association

July's Farmer's Market

CCBA Honey Booth to Commence!

In an email from Market Manager *requirements implemented).* Michelle Bragg, the Market Board met earlier this month and decided that the market will continue to operate on “... *Tuesdays and Thursdays as they currently are:*

walk up, over-the-counter sales on Tuesday -order/pick up and Farm to Frankfort ONLY on Thursday.”

However, better news is that “*Starting July 4,*” the email continued, “*we will open Saturday market for over-the-counter sales (with appropriate social distancing and other*

CCBA responded to the email as Michelle requested, with the intent of the CCBA to have the honey booth on the second Tuesdays and Saturdays of the month for the remainder of the season. For July that is July 9th and 13th. The following link was included in Michelle’s email from May of [the requirements for those participating](#). All members planning to participate should take the time to familiarize themselves with it.

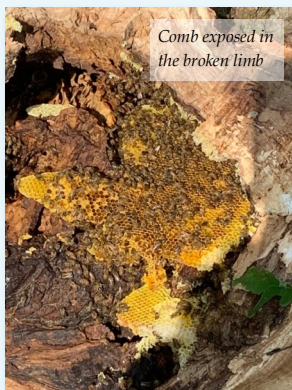


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In cooperation with the precautions set forth, CCBA has again cancelled our regularly meeting at the extension office. However, we will be conducting a FB live program at 6 p.m. and afterwards our business meeting April 28th, via online conference 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

CCBA Bee Extracts

Swarming is one thing, but removing a colony from structures or trees is quite another undertaking—the other extraction in beekeeping. June was the month that found CCBA members Jim Psiones and Bill Dickerson with opportunities to do both. After receiving a message from Ky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Secretary Jan Rafert “Called in the troops”, being the keeper of the swarm list for CCBA, and Bill Dickerson went to investigate and mounted a



swarm box at the entrance the colony was using on the outside of the Headquarters building in Frankfort. Liability issues prevented Bill from digging in to the structure. Jim Psiones answered the call to a “bee tree” in Anderson County that was discovered after a limb had broken of during a storm. Jan and Jim both arrived and was able to

harvest bees, brood, honey, and the queen. The land-owners were very grateful.

Member Bill Dickerson installed this swarm box at KDFW in Frankfort to collect a colony enter their HQ.



Sec. Jan Rafert snapped this photo of member Jim Psiones working to remove this split colony from a storm damaged tree in Anderson county. The other part of the colony lay on the ground in a large limb that had broken off damaging a gate.

“Slingin’ Honey”

An Article to Help in the Process

It’s that time of the year when we’ve turned our attention and efforts from build up, swarming and catching swarms, making splits, etc., to honey processing—the “reward for our labors”. The article at right is very informative and helpful even though we may have done it for years. Published March 2018 in Bee Culture magazine, it is written by Bob Binnie of Blue Ridge Honey Co.



“How good honey is for us, or whether it is any good at all, not only depends on how we use it, but also on how we process and store it.

This article will explore some of the chemistry of honey and how it can be affected by temperature, moisture, filtration and more. There are many pros and cons in honey processing, and knowledge of what we are dealing with can help us do a better job”[Get the full article](#)

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Meeting Minutes of 26 May 2020

NOTE: Due to the Coronid-19 outbreak, the meeting was once again conducted by means of videoconferencing through Zoom. We very grateful to Adam Leonberger of the Franklin County Cooperative Extension for once again making this possible.

Program:

Jack Kuhn and Wes Henry did a live Facebook broadcast at 6:00 p.m. in which they inspected our one top-bar and two Langstroth hives. Jack had installed a swarm into the top-bar about a week earlier and therefore wanted to know how it was doing. The entire evening's program is readily available for viewing on our Facebook page.

Meeting:

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He called for the approval of the April meeting minutes, as printed in the newsletter. There were no comments, this then taken as an approval. The same held true for the financial report as presented by treasurer, George Fowler.

George also mentioned that he had a couple of checks from Wilson's Nurseries for our members. Wilson's provides shelf space and sells honey from our members only. Members receive at \$7 per pound on consignment.



May's Program involved a FB live inspection (above) from the Apiary. [Click to watch](#)

Activity Reports:

Swarm Report:

Again, this month we received three calls regarding swarms to which members responded. Jack reported that he had caught twelve swarms so far this season and Wes said that he has caught two. Wes also had to split two of his hives to avoid them from swarming.

Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler reported that the library remains secure in his basement awaiting a time when it once can be serviceable.

Old Business:

Shirts:

Ken Daniels still has two large, short-sleeve and one extra-large long-sleeve grey T-shirts for \$15 each, as well as a yellow, large polo shirt for \$26. A member asked if we would be placing an order again soon. Ken replied that they should send him a list of what they want, and he can have his source make them.

Farmers Market:

The Frankfort Farmers Market will have walk-up sales on Tuesdays only and there will be new guidelines including vendors wearing masks and gloves, routine sanitizing of the area and no sampling of honey. The full guidelines are in the May newsletter.

Ken asked if we could participate on the second Tuesday of the month instead of the second Saturday. Tuesdays are typically slow, but this is an all new situation and we can look into it.

Bluegrass Beekeeping School:

Two of the schools which participated in the hive paintings have not yet cashed their checks. George will wait a while

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Meeting Minutes of 26 May 2020, Cont.

fore contacting them.

New Business:

Wes has been monitoring a novice beekeeper who is recycling an old hive. The beekeeper is very enthusiastic about beekeeping and Wes thinks that he will probably be joining the association.

Franklin County & Kentucky State Fairs:

This year's Franklin County Fair has been cancelled. The State Fair is still on but there is a board meeting in June. Right now, it appears that the fair will take place but again with new rules and regulations.

From the Floor:

A member asked about the use of our extractor and its location. Wes said that the extractor is available to any member for a deposit of \$50, which will be refunded when the extractor is returned clean and in the same condition as it was received. As far as the location, Wes said that another member currently has it, but Wes isn't certain who. He will check and get the two members in contact with each other.

George asked about this year's black locust bloom. Jack Kuhn said that there wasn't one to speak of in Franklin Co. and the surrounding areas due to the unusual weather and intermittent frosts.

Jack also mentioned that he would be contacting Dr. Clare Rittschof regarding the status of her virus study. He encourages our members to contribute to the study, if it is still in process. Once he checks with Dr. Rittschof, he will have an email sent to the membership.

Adjournment:

With nothing more from the floor, George made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert
CCBA Secretary

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on June 18 for the June 2020 Meeting

General

Beginning Balance (May 20, 2020)	\$3119.41
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Receipts

Dues – CCBA (1 Individual)	\$10.00	
Dues – CCBA (1 family)	\$15.00	
Interest on Checking Acct. (5/31)	\$0.29	
Total Receipts		\$25.29

Expenditures

None	
Total Expenditures	\$0.00

Currant Available Balance	\$3144.70
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Checking Account:	\$3094.70	
Cash change fund	\$50.00	

Notes:

1. Wilson check for May = \$242.50 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	\$478.93
Receipts	
Interest on savings account (5/31)	\$0.06
Total Receipts	\$.06
Total Expenditures	NONE
Ending Balance	\$478.99

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Opportunities

CCBA Regular Scheduled Meeting- June 23rd

Facebook Live Program on CCBA FB page, 6

p.m.



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

KSBA Summer Field Day July 25th, 2020

Perryville State Historic Site

1825 Battlefield Rd., Perryville, KY

More info in June 2020 Beelines



1st 2020 CCBA Honey Booth (Tentative)- July 11th, 7:30

a.m.-12 Noon

Franklin County Farmers Market, Frankfort,

KY



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