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2021 KSBA Honey Booth



Cancelled last year due to the Covid pandemic, the 2021 KSBA Kentucky State Fair Booth was back in action and CCBA members assumed their place as in times past, on the Tuesday morning of the fair. Seven members assembled early in Frankfort for the ride to Louisville. Many members had their honey for sale at the Booth as well. Members commented that the crowd was a bit down but there was still much interaction, tastings, and sales. Pictured above, left to right, is Ken Daniels, Pres. Wes Henry, Kay Daniels, Donald Gates, Dan Ramey, Vice Pres. Michael Wiley and Treasurer George Fowler.

Staying busy (as seen right) truly makes the day go by fast. Though there were lull moments, they were much fewer than the busy ones. Folks had questions about honey and beekeeping, and reminisced about family members that had bees when they grew up. Besides tastings, fair-goers also were helped to find honey from their particular part of the state. It was good to be back in the West wing again.



September's CCBA Honey Booth



George Fowler donning his fair ribbons for his honey at The Market.

The early September sun welcomed everyone to the second Saturday of September at the Franklin County Farmer's Market in Frankfort. As a rotating vendor, members of the CCBA were setup and again part with other vendors welcoming those who had come to buy locally grown vegetables and fruits, as well as hand made breads, preserves and canned goods and of course local honey and hive products from their hometown beekeepers. This month we were setup next to the Frankfort Garden Club, a long time friend of the CCBA. Four members were present and helped sell and speak with the public.

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Minutes – August 24, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Wes Henry. 10 People present. Lower attendance numbers partially attributed to some members working at State Fair honey booth that day. Two potential new members were welcomed.

Prior to business meeting a general discussion/Q&A session ensued among members involving variety of topics including queen issues, robbing, varroa, nectar dearth, & feeding.

July minutes were approved and July treasurer report was given by George Fowler [*Treasurer Report approved*].

No swarms were reported

Members are reminded that the club's library is available and encouraged to make use of it.

Next Franklin Co. Farmer's Market will be on Sept. 11. Any member with honey or hive products is encouraged to come and sell.

Lynn Morris has agreed to be the club's Fair Liaison. She will coordinate information/volunteers for our club in the county and state fairs for 2022.

2022 Bluegrass Beekeeping School: still in planning stages w/Bluegrass Beekeepers. Planning has been tabled for 30 days to monitor covid impact.

Our club has an extractor, it is currently stored at Dadant. Any dues current member may borrow it with a \$50 deposit (refunded upon return).

Club is still in need of a mannequin to use in county fair and for educational purposes to display a beekeepers' attire

October Meeting: will be annual pot luck. Club is in need of door prize donations. Please let Wes know how many in your family will be attending. Club will again provide meat.

Motion to adjourn made by George Fowler / seconded by Lynn Morris.

Next Meeting—September 28

Submitted by Marsha Bezold [*Acting Secretary 8/24/2021*]

CCBA Opportunities

CCBA Monthly Meeting

September 28th, 2021

Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

Program @ 6p.m.: In the hives hive inspection

Business meeting: 7 p.m.

CCBA Honey Farmer's Market Booth

October 9th, 2021

Franklin County Farmer's Market

Frankfort, KY



Capital City Beekeepers'

Library

The Library is now
"Onsite"

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.