



The Capital Bee

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The Official Newsletter of the Capital City Beekeepers

November Program: Mead Making

Special Note!
We are now collecting 2020 CCBA, KSBA and/or Cert. KY Honey Producers Annual Dues.

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Our Guest and amateur wine maker, Steve Crabtree joined us at the last meeting of the year (November 2019) for the CCBA. He presented the members present with the tools-of-the-trade and explained their uses. As an added bonus Steve went step by step on mixing up a batch

from his own recipe that was modified from his own experiences. The only ingredient not added was the yeast, but would do so after taking the batch home where the temperature could be regulated during the fermentation process. He and member Jack Kuhn have worked together on mead and wine making for some time now. Aging is a key component to good mead/ wine and the presentation ended with a tasting of mead made a couple years ago. Thanks goes to Steve for taking the time to come and do this insightful presentation.



Above, members gather 'round for the presentation. Afterwards, Sarah Preston and Dan Ramey (right) inspect the finished batch that lacks only the yeast.

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FROM THE INBOX



Treasurer George Fowler passed along a story on the finding of a Giant Asian Hornet in Washington State. These hornets have been of great concern in western Europe i.e. France, Spain, Belgium and the UK. They prey on honey bees and their brood. However, "... they're not totally helpless -- entomologist Stephen Martin told Wired in 2016 that worker bees form a buzzing ball when the hornet intrudes their hive, vibrating and squeezing the hornet until it can't pump blood throughout its body anymore." [The full story can be found here.](#)

2020 School Hive Auction

As in past years, CCBA has again invited the local schools to paint hive bodys to auction at the Bluegrass Bee School in March. Earlier in the month, eight members met on an unusually warm Saturday at Dadant 's Frankfort Branch to assemble the woodenware



Dan Ramey and Claude Nutt assembling the Deeps.

and prime them for painting. Dadant and Sons again generously donated the two deep hive bodys, solid bottom boards, Inner and Telescoping top covers.



Vice President, Lynn Morris, Jan Rafert, Ken Daniels (pictured) and Jack Khun and Wes Henry, assembled bottom boards and tops.

CCBA will purchase the frames and plasticell foundation. These hives, though creatively painted, are setup to be working hives. The winners of the silent auction just need to add the bees. The schools receive 60-70% of the Proceeds above the cost of the hives, for their art programs. The CCBA

also has had in the past the opportunity to speak to the classes about beekeeping and escort the ABF Honey Princess to meet with them as well. We will continue to solicit such opportunities this year. The hives will be displayed and folks able to bid on them at the Bluegrass Bee School March 7th, at Kentucky State University. Preregistration can be done online now just click the following link <https://beeschool.eventsmart.com/events/bluegrass-beekeeping-school/>.



Michael Wiley used his sprayer to prime the hives for painting.

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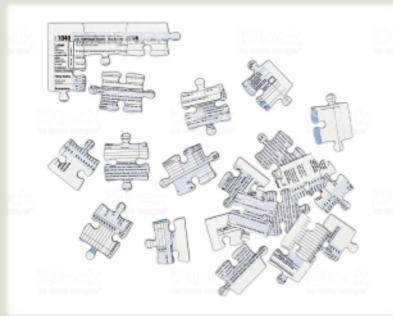
Did Ya Know?

"The old Skeepists called the second swarm a "cast", the third was a "colt", and the fourth a "filly"."-
Tickner Edwardes, "The Lore of the Honey-Bee"

We are now collecting the **2020 CCBA membership dues** at the November meeting. You can also **renew /join the Certified Kentucky Honey (CKH)** which also includes your KSBA membership. **(CCBA receives 3.00 by paying at the meeting)** CKH Secretary, Sarah Preston will be at the January meeting to collect those and you can pay for CKH with a card.

It's Tax Time!

Submitted by, Jack Kuhn



About this time of year, I frequently get asked questions about beekeeping and taxes. Many beekeepers want to know if they can deduct the cost of their bee operation from their taxes. First, if you have 2-3 hives, the easy answer is probably no. you're probably a hobby bee keeper and hobby expenses are not tax deductible. To be a business venture, the IRS would like to see verifiable income over \$1,000. The second consideration is are you trying to make a profit. You should be able to

show a profit from time to time. You will need receipts of expenses, a mileage log for vehicle deductions, and records of income (like a sale log, sales invoices, etc. In addition to deducting costs, you must report income. And while you can report bee income on your taxes as general income (the IRS expects you to report all income from all sources), you can only deduct business expenses using a schedule F or schedule C. If you have other farm income from, as an example, cattle, hay, or crop sale, then you can include your bee income and expenses on your schedule F (Farm). Otherwise, you will use a schedule C (Profit and loss from Business). If you prepare your own taxes using a commercial software, you will need the Home and Business edition.

Disclaimer: I'm not a tax advisor, specialist, or preparer. The material presented here is for informational purposes only. Do your research consult a professional.

What Do You Want To Know?

Submitted by, Jack Kuhn

The program during monthly meetings is very important. In fact, it's probably what draws folks first to the local association. So Program Director, Jack Kuhn asks, "What do you want to know about bee keeping?"

As we begin the new "club year" we plan to seek out speakers and address topics of interest to our club members. It's a balance of programs for beginner/basic beekeepers and those that are advanced. Therefore, we need two things from you in order to present interesting and relevant content. First, we are asking you to submit/suggest topics of interest to you. What do you want to learn about, what topic would be useful to your operation, how can we improve your beekeeping skills? Second, we need suggestions/ securing good speakers and volunteers from our folks to present topics such as *how to set up a bee hive, important pollen and nectar plants for pollinators, making slits and NUCS, etc.* Many of you have valuable skills, knowledge, ideas that we want you to share. You can do it hands-on in front of the group, as a power point presentation, or informally in our apiary. Please submit your ideas/request to any club officer or email the program chair at kuhndog2121@gmail.com.



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Dates to Remember

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Frankfort, KY](#)

Native Bees Of Ky
Presentation, Jan. 29th,
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Meeting
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March 7th, 2020
Ky State University
Frankfort, KY
[Preregister and
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CCBA November 2019 Minutes

Capital City Beekeepers Association
Meeting Minutes of 19 November 2019

Meeting:

At 7:16 p.m. President Wes Henry called the meeting to order and asked for a motion for the acceptance of October meeting minutes as they were published in the newsletter. Wayne Parrish made the motion, Sarah Preston seconded it, and the members present carried the motion.

Treasurer George Fowler presented the financial report, which had expense deduction. That being the cost of the meat for our October Pot-Luck dinner. A motion to approve was requested, Michael Wiley Sr. made said motion, Eddie McNutt seconded, and this motion too was approved.

Committee Reports:

Library – George mentioned that he had purchased Tammy Horn's book, Flower Power for our library.

Kentucky State Beekeepers Association:

Wes reported on the **KSBA's Fall meeting** at Shepherdsville in November.

KSBA will be modifying its grant programs, especially for bee schools' re-imbursements, at their January meeting.

The Certified Kentucky Honey Program is being tweaked, including lowering the minimal moisture content from 18.5% to 18.0%. For creamed honey and any honey with added ingredients, beekeepers should send their labels to Sarah Preston for review. Also, promotional materials regarding the CKHP are now available for downloading. Membership renewals can be made through Sarah.

Leslie Cobb, KY DPH Food Safety Branch, gave a very interesting and informative presentation regarding proper labelling at the meeting and she will also be a presenter at next year's Bluegrass Beekeeping School.

KSBA officers were named/elected and are: Mike Mabry – President; Chris Renfrow – Past President; Jake Osborne – President-Elect; Joel Gonia – Vice President; Wes Henry – Treasurer and Joe Chang – Secretary.

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CCBA November 2019 Minutes

Old Business:

Ken Daniels mentioned that there are five extra T-shirts plus some that have not been picked-up yet. He made a motion that the association purchase those that remain undelivered and the extras, which would total \$105. Curt Wallace seconded the motion and it was carried.

The question was raised as to if we would be buying winter patties in bulk and reselling them to the members. The answer is 'No'. Dadant couldn't get some for a while and advised us to call first to see if they have any.

There will be meeting regarding next year's Bluegrass Bee School tomorrow night at the Fayette Co. Extension at 6:30 p.m. Currently bee school meetings are about every two weeks. Michael Wiley, Sr. will be organizing the coffee table once again and will call for volunteers in the near future.

New Business:

Local schools have been solicited regarding the painting of hive boxes for the bee school's auction. We will need volunteers to assemble and prime the boxes, probably in January.

Election of Officers:

The officers performing as President, Treasurer, Program Chair and Secretary are willing to stay on in their respective positions. Ken Daniels has stepped down as Vice-President but will continue to be in charge of refreshments. **Lynn Morris volunteered to serve as the new Vice-President.** Michael made the motion that this finishes the ballot and that it should be voted upon. His motion was seconded by Jack Kuhn, the motion carried and election was concluded.

Comments from the Floor:

Our association will have a booth again at Frankfort's Candlelight Tour on Thursday & Friday, the 21st and 22nd of December and possibly on Saturday the 23rd. The booth location will be at Gibby's starting at 3 p.m. each day. This will be a good opportunity to sell any hive products.

Following a motion by Jack Kuhn and Eddie McNutt the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan W. Rafert

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



NATIVE BEES OF KENTUCKY

PRESENTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
HOSTED BY FRANKLIN COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE

**LOCATION: FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
101 LAKEVIEW COURT, FRANKFORT, KY**

**JANUARY 29, 2020
6:00-7:00 p.m.**

European Honeybees are often in the news, but our native bees are important, too, and under similar struggles. Shelby Fulton, zoologist with the Kentucky Nature Preserve, will be discussing native bees of Kentucky, their current problems, and how you can help with your own garden.

This presentation is free, but space is limited. Please call 502-695-9035 to register by January 28, 2020.

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Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

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Notes:

1. Our checkbook has been out of balance with the bank for a long time with the bank showing that we had \$121.36 than our check book showed. The above entry corrects that discrepancy.

2. Wilson check for Oct/Nov = \$189.75 for 4 member/ participants.

Wilson check for Dec = \$231.75 for 4 member/ participants.

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

Treasure's Report Submitted by George Fowler, Treasurer

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report November 19, 2019 to January 28, 2020

Beginning Balance		\$2622.53
Balance Correction plus \$121.36		\$2743.89
Receipts		
Dues – CCBA (2 Family)		\$30.00
Dues – CCBA (8 Individual)		\$80.00
Interest on Checking Acct.(11/30 & 12/31)		<u>\$0.49</u>
Total Receipts		\$110.49
Expenditures		
Pot Luck Supplies		\$31.99
Farmers' Market Fees for 2020		<u>\$125.00</u>
Total Expenditures		\$156.99
Current Available Balance		\$2697.39
Checking Account:		\$2647.39
Cash change fund		\$50.00
Educational Funds (Saving)		
Beginning Balance		\$478.57
Receipts		
Interest on savings account (11/30 & 12/31)		\$.12
Total Receipts		\$.12
Total Expenditures		NONE
Ending Balance		\$478.69