

CCBA June Honey Booth— Check Out CCBA Library,
Now Onsite— Minutes and Treasurer's Report— EAS
CCBA Opportunities

The Capital Bee

June 2021

Mite-free bee colonies are a shadow of the past. Are you ready with mite-loads peaking?

Attend this month's Program on mite management- in person or FB Live, June 22nd, 2021

The Official Newsletter of The Capital City Beekeepers Association

CCBA Honey Booth, June 2021



June 12th was the second CCBA honey Booth at the Franklin County Farmers Market. With the honey coming in and being extracted, there was more participation than last month. Members selling in June were George Fowler, Dan Ramey and Ken Daniels, and Wes Henry. Besides honey in various jars styles and sizes were creamed honey and cut comb. Folks also had the opportunity to purchase rolled beeswax candles in various colors made by members Ken and Kay Daniels. We as an organization are a rotating vendor and sell on the second Saturday of each month which is

traditionally "Kids Day" at the Market. The CCBA as in times past, were able to give honey



Hand rolled beeswax candles were offered too.

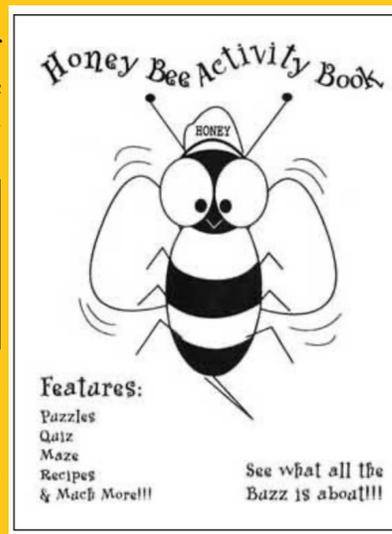
sticks with an activity/ coloring book to the kids. The activity/ coloring book gives a general overview to beekeeping including the importance of bees and production of honey to the young minds. Outreach, awareness, and education



Left to right, George, Dan and Ken in the Booth.

about Beekeeping to the community is always an additional part of our presence, as was the case with one particular young man this month, as a prospective beekeeper and member. A special "thank you" goes to a particularly member who donated the honey sticks. Also our appreciation is extended here to Tasha Cummins (manager of Dandant's Frankfort Branch) and Dadant and Sons for their gift of the activity books and for their continued and generous support to our local organization which includes the ongoing benefit discount of 5% to members of Capital City Beekeepers Association (except for fructose, nucs, and package bees). The sales were steady and the weather was great! July 10th, 2021 will be the next CCBA honey booth and as always all members are invited.

Activity/ Coloring books were offered to kids



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.

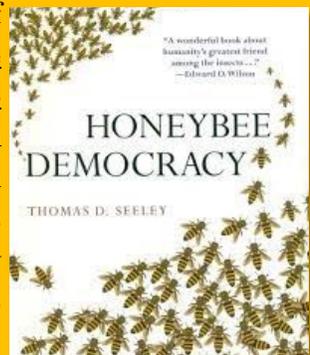
3. Members will be able to check out no more than two books at a time and must return books previously checked out before obtaining additional materials.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has added a copy of

Honeybee
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swarms decide where to relocate. From this fascinating tale of life and death, he draws insights into how social systems can make good choices without global information or direct leadership.

Suggestions and contributions for the library are very much welcomed ad appreciated. Please contact

George Fowler at geofowler@gmail.com

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on June 17, 2021 for June 22, 2021 Meeting

General

Beginning Balance (May25, 2021) \$2858.65

Receipts

Farmers Market Fees

(May -1; June -3) \$40.00

Interest (5/31) \$.24

Total Receipts \$40.24

Expenditures

NO Expenditures this period \$.00

Currant Available Balance \$2898.89

Checking Account: \$2848.89

Cash change fund \$50.00

Notes:

Wilson check for June = \$151.75 and was distributed to 2 participating members.

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

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$579.65

Receipts

Interest (5/31) \$.07

Total Receipts \$.07

Expenditures

Total Expenditures NONE

Ending Balance \$579.72

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes of 25 May 2021

Program

The inspection of our association's hives was once again the topic of this evening's program presented by program director Jack Kuhn. 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 7:07 p.m. and expressed our appreciation to Jack for leading this evening's program.

For the second time this year, we were able to meet in a hybrid environment including six members attending live.

The first item on the agenda was a request for a motion to approve the minutes of our April meeting. With no comments and/or objections, the minutes were passed.

Treasurer George Fowler stated that only two members received checks from Wilson Nurseries for honey sales. He also provided the monthly fiscal report, which will be in our next newsletter. With no objections, the financial report was approved.

Activity Reports

Swarm Report:

Swarming activity is calming down. There were several each week in the past month, including a couple in one day.

Library Report

Librarian George Fowler requested reimbursement for his purchase of *Honeybee Democracy* by Dr. Thomas Seeley. Wes made a motion for reimbursement of \$24.84. Lynn Morris seconded the motion and it unanimously approved. George added that two other books were added to our library.

Old Business

KSU Autoclave:

The subject of the autoclave was tabled for the present, since we have had no recent news from "J. J.", who does the autoclave scheduling. Our location here at the Co. Extension Office is a very good site for the autoclave and maybe we will be able to host it in the fall. Sarah Conn asked if there is a current schedule for the autoclave's locations. Wes said that he did not know but he would email "J. J." and Dr. Tom Webster to see.

Eastern Apicultural Society:

This year's meeting of the [EAS](#) will be held on the 11th thru the 13th in Shepherdsville. Our own Marsha Bezold will be one of the three hundred attendees.

Farmers Market:

Ken Daniels and Dan Ramey were the only members who sold honey at our honey booth at the first Franklin County Farmers Market of the year. The next market will be June 12th. With taste testing not allowed, sales will be hurt. We are also out of coloring books for the kids. Honey prices are \$18 for a pound and a half jar, \$12 for a pound jar, and \$7 for a half pound jar.

Frame Shortage:

Due to availability, Dadant & Sons is having difficulty supplying hive frames. John Antennuci has deep frames available. These frames need to be cleaned and foundations. If you are interested, please contact [John](#) or the [secretary](#).

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes of 27 April 2021

State Fair:

[The Kentucky State Fair](#) will be held from the 19th to the 29th of August. Our association will man the Honey Booth for the morning of Tuesday, the 24th. More information, including honey prices, can be found on Kentucky State Beekeepers Assoc. Website or in the latest issue of Beelines. More information will follow. The secretary was instructed to contact the State Apiarist, Tammy Potter, regarding the status of clubs supplying honey for the breakfast.

New Business

Franklin County Fair:

George reported that we don't know much yet, except funding is being sought and no dates have been set. Wes will keep in touch Adam Leonberger at the County Extension Office for more information.

Kentucky State Beekeepers Assoc.:

KSBA held its annual spring meeting on May 8th. The guest speaker, Dr. Mike Hood, gave an excellent presentation on hive beetle. KSBA members applications are available at kybees.org. Dues can be paid online or by downloading the form and sending the fees to the address provided.

Apiary Opportunity:

Wes announced that the Stonehedge Farm in Woodford County would like to have someone establish and maintain an apiary on their property. He said that he inspected the farm, was quite impressed and is an excellent site for bees.

From the Floor:

Ken Daniels said that we still have some T-shirts available for \$15 and polo shirts available for \$26.

Ralph Davison asked about the correct mite treatment in June and if feeding light syrup will affect the honey produced. The answers are Mite Away Quickstrips and 'No' respectively.

Michael Wiley asked for opinions on when combining two weak hives, whether to keep the wild queen from one hive or the apiary queen from the other. After some discussion the decision seemed to be to combine the hives with both queens and let the stronger win.

Armando Arrastia is in need of assistance in moving some hives. Anyone willing to assist should contact him.

Adjournment

At 7:58 p.m. George less than reluctantly made a motion for adjournment. There was no objection and the meeting was closed.

The next CCBA meeting will be on June 22nd same times and same places.

Reverently,

Jan W. Rafert

CCBA Secretary

EAS 2021 CONFERENCE

Shepherdsville, KY

August 11-13, 2021



The conference will be held at the Paroquet Springs Conference Centre, Shepherdsville, Bulitt County, Kentucky on August 11-13th, 2021. Shepherdsville is an approximate 15 minute drive from the International and Regional Airports in Louisville, KY and is readily accessible from major interstates.

The conference will offer two tracks - a presentation based and apiary based track in a relaxed setting providing an excellent opportunity to "Bee Connected" - something we have all been struggling hard to maintain over the past year.

PRESENTATION TRACK:

Some of the speakers featured in the presentation track include:

C. Bee	John Benham
Deborah Delaney	Jamie Ellis
Kevin Inglin	Tammy Horn Potter
Juliana Rangel	Kent Williams.

APIARY TRACK

The apiary track is being organized by Jennifer Keller and Don Hopkins. Topics being developed for the conference include: how to inspect hives, checking for varroa mites with sugar shakes and alcohol washes, brood diseases in the hive, queen considerations (identifying, requeening), how to make splits, sampling to test for *Tropilaelaps* and testing for hygienic qualities.



REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY MAY FOR EAS MEMBERS - NOTIFICATION WILL BE BY EMAIL AND THE EAS WEBSITE.

There will be an outdoor BBQ on Friday, August 13th that is included in the \$300 registration fee for the 3-day conference. No walk in registrations will be accepted and masks and social distancing will be maintained throughout.

CCBA Opportunities

CCBA Monthly Meeting

June 22nd, 2021

Program @ 6p.m.: Hive Inspection in CCBA Apiary, in-person and FB Live

Business meeting, 7 p.m.

CCBA Honey Farmer's Market Booth

July 10th, 2021

[Franklin County Farmer's Market](#)

Frankfort, KY



Eastern Apiculture Society

2021 Conference

August 11-13th, 2021

Shepherdsville, KY ([See Flyer pg. 7](#))

Ky State Fair Booth

August 24th, 2021 (Morning till 12 noon)

More Information To Come



Green Stock Festival

Educational Booth and Honey Sale

Bridgeport Christian Church, Frankfort KY

September 25, 2021

More Information to follow