



The Newsletter for The Capital City Beekeepers March 2019

**KSBA Pres. Chris Renfrow
on Certified Ky. Honey**

**CCBA Entreats 2019
ABF Honey Princess**

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The program for the February Meeting was presented by 2019 KSBA President



Chris Renfrow. Chris took the time to travel to Frankfort and explain the ins and outs of the Certified Kentucky Honey program. He conducted two breakout sessions at the Bluegrass Beekeeper's School at KSU and

manned the KSBA booth as well earlier this month.

Under the program costumers of our local honey are assured *"the producers beehives are being managed with the State; the nectar and pollen are collected by those bees is within the immediate surrounding area of those beehives; and the honey is processed and bottled here in Kentucky, i.e. Local Honey."* [-KSBA Website](#). The fee for being certified also includes your yearly membership dues for KSBA and local organizations handling the applications for KSBA receive \$3.00 for their Associations. All the information for the program can be found on the [KSBA webiste](#).



At Right: The official Certified Ky. Honey Label

The CCBA had the great opportunity to again host this year's American Beekeeping Federation Honey Princess, Nicole Medina. The Princess made many



stops during the week leading up to the Bluegrass Beekeepers School including local schools, the local radio stations, a meeting with the Ky. Ag Commissioner, Ryan Quarles, and many others. She also was present at the Bee school and helped in the closing ceremonies.

Pictured above, she is seen here visiting the local Dadant Branch. Left to right is CCBA member Marsha Bezold, Dadant employee Todd Henry, Branch Manager, Andrew Fogg, and CCBA member Sarah Preston. Many thanks to Marsha who again kept her on schedule and opened her home to her and many thanks to all who helped with dinners, transportation and in various other ways.

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Thanks to all who helped make this year's Hive Painting and Silent auction a success. It began before Thanksgiving 2018 with CCBA members coming together to assemble and paint the hives at Dadant (See [November's Capital Bee](#)) , distribution and pick up and finally culminating to their display and auction (below). The schools will get more than 60% of the proceeds after cost for their classes. The exact amounts will be decided at the March 26th CCBA meeting.

2019 School Hive Painting and Silent Auction



Students of Collins Lane teacher Stacey Luddke's class (left) stand with their painted hive (left and right) for the silent auction at this year's Bluegrass Beekeepers school.



Pictured Above is the artfully adorned hive of Peaks Mill Elementary class of Brooke Jones. The ABF Honey Princess, Nicole Medina also visited her class the week leading up to the bee school.



Elkhorn Middle school students of Su Sheridan's class pose with their completed hive. The creative theme played on the popularity of the "walking Dead" series with the "Zombees" painted hive.



Good Shepherd and those of Bondurant Middle School also painted hives for this year's silent auction and are both seen here on either side. Pictured left with clouds and a large tree surrounded by spotted mushrooms is the completed work of Jennifer Parker's Student's at GSS while Karen Green's students at Bondurant finishes out the five on the right.



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Ken Daniels made a great presentation (left) for the CCBA Table showcasing pictures and ribbons won by CCBA Members at the Kentucky State Fair from 2012 to 2018.

In addition to delivering the keynote address and teaching a break out a session on queen management, Dr. Larry Conner made available not only books he has written but many his publishing company, Wicwas Press, has to offer the beekeeper. He also gladly signed books that folks may have already had in addition to those just purchased. Many thanks go to Mike Swatzyna and Jan Rafert (pictured below) for their great help.



Many of the CCBA members helped with those of the Bluegrass Beekeepers Association in the planning, volunteering, and donating their resources to work in and make this year's Bluegrass Beekeepers School a great success. Pictured above, members John Antenucci and Dan Ramey gather at the CCBA booth. In the background is Mike Swatzyna (standing) and Jan Rafert working with Dr. Larry Conner as he sells/ signs Books.

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John Hardin
High School,
Elizabethtown,
Ky. [\(See Pg.7\)](#)

If you haven't remitted your 2019 dues, you may do so at the next meeting, March 26th, or mail with your information to:

Jan Rafert
1662 Talmage Mayo Rd.
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

CCBA

Meeting Minutes of 25 February, 2019

At 6:03 p.m. President Wes Henry called the meeting to order and welcomed our guest speaker, Chris Renfrow, president of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Assoc. Wes began the meeting with committee reports. For the Swarm Committee the secretary reporter although no swarms have yet been reported, now is the time to update are swarm catchers list and get it ready for distribution.

George Fowler reported that he had the books in our library with him and can be checked out, if anyone is interested. He asked that if anyone does check out books that the return them in a reasonable amount of time. Donations of books regarding honey bees and beekeeping will be gladly accepted.

Regarding the club's website and newsletter, Wes made a request for a volunteer to take over, or at least assist, with the website and newsletter.

Old Business:

President Henry reminded everyone that membership fees remain at \$10 per individual and are now available for families including children under 18 years of age for \$15. KSBA dues are \$15 for a family and, if purchased through the club, the club retains \$2 of this.

Status of school hive painting: The painted hives are to be picked up at the participating schools on Friday. Dadant & Sons of Frankfort are donating the wooden ware and giving us a discount for the frames. The one hundred frames will be purchased tomorrow.

Marsha Bezold reported that this year's Amer. Beekeeping Federation's Honey Princess, Nicole Medina, will be arriving next Monday. She will be meeting with KY Agriculture Commissioner, Ryan Quarles the following Friday. During the week she will be giving talks at various schools and providing media interviews. Marsha will be hosting Nicole at her home, saving the club hotel expenses, and would like people to volunteer to host Nicole for a few evening meals during the week. Also on Friday evening club interested members will be meeting at Buddy's Pizza at 6:30 p.m. and will be hosting Nicole at Gibby's Saturday evening after the bee school.



Several CCBA members enjoyed and hosted Larry Conner and Princess Nicole at Buddy's Pizza in Frankfort on the Friday evening before The Bee School.

A preliminary schedule for the Bluegrass Beekeeping School has been completed and only awaits verification of room numbers. There will be a planning schedule tomorrow with Dr. Tom Webster to finalize this. At the school Dr. Larry Connor will be the keynote speaker. He will have copies of his books for sale and is willing

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to autograph not only those that he sells but also any that people bring with them. Some of the classes will be repeated during the day to provide an opportunity for more people to see the presentations that they want.

New Business:

Program chair Jack Kuhn proposed that the club have some field days to manage our club hives and possibly visit different beekeeping operations. These field days will be devoted more extensive management of our hives than we are able to accomplish prior to our monthly meetings. He already has a couple of suggestions/opportunities. The first would be doing a walk-away hive split in late April and the second the removal of a wild colony that's been in a tree for four years or more. We would capture the queen and check for mite biting behavior by the colony. Jack also reminded us that March is the time to add supers to our hives.

Wes mentioned that it's about time that we think about ordering more shirts and/caps and hats and asked if anyone knew of silk-screeners who could do this. Several members had ideas and Wes asked that they worked together to gather more information.

Ken Daniels said that we can use some help manning the club's table at the beeschool.

Jens Basberg mentioned that he had brought copies of a brochure regarding nucs that they will have available for purchase.

Finally before Chris Renfrow's presentation regarding the KY Certified Honey program, Wes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting. The motion was made and approved, as was the treasurer's report after George Fowler provided it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert
CCBA Secretary

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Treasure's Report Submitted by George Fowler, Treasurer

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report February 26, 2019 to March 26, 2019

Beginning Balance		\$2461.99
Receipts		
Dues – CCBA – Individual (6 members)	\$60.00	
CCBA – Family (2 families)	\$30.00	
KSBA (4 members)	\$60.00	
Interest on Checking Acct.(2/28)	\$0.22	
Proceeds from bumper sticker	\$2.00	
Proceeds from Hive auction	\$800.00	
Total Receipts		\$952.22
Expenditures		
Purchase of frames and foundation for auction hives	\$243.80	
Dues forwarded to KSBA (4 members)	\$52.00	
Total Expenditures		\$295.80
Current Available Balance		\$3118.41
Checking Account:	\$3068.41	
Cash change fund	\$50.00	

Notes:

The February Check from Wilson Nurseries totaled \$165.00. This was redistributed to two participating members.

The treasurer has decided to maintain a \$50.00 cash change fund for use at meetings and events.

The silent hive auction yielded \$800.00. The woodware was donated by Dadant and the club spent \$243.80 for frames and foundation. This leaves \$556.20 as net proceeds. Normally, 40% of this comes to the club, and 60% is distributed to the schools. **The exact amounts to be distributed will be decided at the meeting.**

This year's KSBA Spring meeting will be held in conjunction with the Hardin County Beekeepers Association Beekeeping School with some great speakers. See the Flyer below with all the details.



***Kentucky State Beekeepers Association's
Spring Meeting
&
Hardin County Beekeepers Association's
Beekeeping School
Saturday, March 30, 2019***

“OPEN TO THE PUBLIC”

Location: John Hardin High School
384 W A Jenkins Rd
Elizabethtown, KY

Registration will be 07:30 to 08:30 AM EST

- Registration Fee is \$20.00 per person at the door
- Pre-Registration Fee is \$15.00 per person: *We encourage online pre-registration and pay the fee the day of the school.*

Program will be from 08:30 AM to 04:30 PM

Speakers include: Warren Beeler (GOAP Executive Director), Dr. Reed Johnson (Ohio State U.), Dr. Jen O'Keefe (Morehead State U), John Benham & Kent Williams (Master Beekeepers), Tammy Potter (KY State Apiarist).

Presentations on: “Honey & Pollen Studies”; “First Year in Beekeeping”; “Planting and Landscaping for Honey Bees”; “Honey Production”; “How to Raise Honey Bees and Make Money”; “Honey Bee Waggle Dance Analysis” and many more.

Drawing for door prizes at the end of the day

Visit our website: hardincountybeekeepers.org;

David F. Shockey
President, HCBA & Secretary KSBA

