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The Capital Bee

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"Last Chance"

Asters are some of the last chance at nectar and pollen during Fall in Kentucky. By late October, most of the goldenrods are spent and soon the first killing-frosts spell the end until Maples and willow bloom in February.

Beekeeper's Almanac

THE 'KEEP'S TO DO LIST

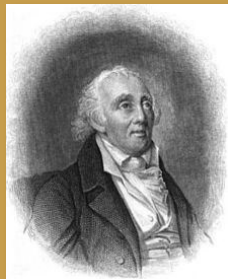
- ◆ Mite treatments ought to be complete. However if mites counts warrant, Formic acid is a good choice within the temperature ranges now.
- ◆ Properly store “cleaned” surplus honey comb to prevent moth and mouse damage.
- ◆ Combine weaker hives with others/ or place nucs or weaker colonies above double screen board for warmth through winter.
- ◆ Check stores. Continue to feed 2-1 syrup and purchase or make “winter patty’s” for use beginning in November.

What do you call a bee that works for the government?

A pollentician.



It's
Election
Season,
Vote!



Francios Huber,
Blind Bee Researcher

Huber was the researcher and fact finder of many of the biological facts that we take for granted many times in beekeeping, i.e. that the queen mates outside of the hive. With the help of an assistant and his wife many discoveries were made by him though became totally blind from an incurable ocular disease that began at age 15. [See more of the details here.](#)

Home Made Winter-Patties

If you're wanting to save a little money and willing to take the time to make your own; protein aka “winter patties”, can be made by this simple and useful recipe:

One part protein (Ultra Bee, AP23)

Three parts sugar

Add enough sugar syrup to form the consistency of peanut butter.

Press between wax paper and lay on top bars as you would winter patties. You may need to add a rim to give enough space for the Pattie's thickness.~



October CCBA Farmer's Market Honey Booth



As we come to nearer to the end of the year so is the regular market for rotating vendors such as the CCBA Honey booth. October's booth was the second to last. Three "usual suspects"- Dan Ramey, Kay Martin, and George Fowler (L-R), attended this month and reported that folks were taking great advantage to get honey from their local beekeepers here in Frankfort- sales were good- and the conversation with public is always a welcome part if it all. After November's Booth will be the Holiday Market in December. [November's booth is Nov. 11th.](#)

Picture by Member Dan Ramey

In the CCBA Apiary



Members get first hand experience and instruction on Fall inspections.

The program for September's Meeting found members led by Jack Kuhn in the apiary. Members checked stores and found the colonies "lighter" than desired and 2-1 syrup was added with pollen-patties divided for quick consumption.

Pictures by Member Mark Stutler



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Vice Pres. Michael Wiley-L and Jack Kuhn-R

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on October 20, 2023, for the October 24 meeting

General

Beginning Balance (September 20, 2023) \$2112.95

Receipts

Farmers Mkt sellers' fees (Oct) \$20.00

Sale of honey straws \$1.00

Donation \$25.00

Total Receipts **\$46.00**

Expenditures

Purchase of Honey Straws and books \$152.96

Pot luck Door prizes \$50.00

Total Expenditures **\$202.96**

Currant Available Balance **\$1955.99**

Checking Account: **\$1905.99**

Cash change fund **\$50.00**

Notes:

Wilson check for September totaled \$212.75 for four participating members.

Wilson check for October totaled 238.25 for four participating members.

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

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (September 20, 2023) \$818.26

Receipts

KSBA – state fair participation \$228.52

Interest (9/30) \$0.11

Total Receipts **\$228.63**

Expenditures

No expenditures this period 0.00

Total Expenditures **\$0.00**

Ending Balance **\$1046.89**

**Submitted by George Fowler,
CCBA Treasurer**

Capital City Beekeepers Association

September 26, 2023 Minutes

Program

Beeyard: Hives were empty of feed. Feeding fall feed of 2parts sugar:1part water. Pull off any pollen patties before winter. Checked for hive beetles.

Business Meeting: Called to order at 6:56pm.

Minutes from July meeting were approved (there was no meeting in August): Ken Sallee motioned to approve, Kathy Stephanski 2nd.

Treasurer's Reports for both July and August were approved: Kathy Stephanski motioned to accept, Mark Stutler 2nd.

Library: The latest edition (3rd) of Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping by Dewey Caron and Lawrence Connor is now available in our club library. This book is a wonderful resource with great photos/illustrations

Farmer's Market- Honey booth sales went well. In September we had observation hive and welcomed students from Bonderant Middle School in their "Farmer For a Day" program where students rotated around to help at different booths. October Farmer's market is 9th.

Senior Activity Center – George Fowler and Annette Riddle gave a bee presentation in honor of National Honey Bee Day. Thanks to both of you!

State Fair-KSBA honey booth was very busy. Our club made approximately \$225 for helping.

KSBA Fall Conference—Saturday October 28. Hardin Co. Extension Office, 111 Opportunity Way, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. 9am to 4:30pm. Registration opens at 8:15am. There will be food trucks for lunch. Go to kybees.org for more information.

Old Business:

Pot Luck: Club will provide plates, cups, napkins, utensils, ice. John Antenucci will be doing the meat. Club members provide sides/desserts. Guest speaker will be Phil Craft.

Marsha Bezold made a motion for an allowance of \$100 to be made for decorations Denise Boebinger 2nd. Motion passed.

Officer nominations: Elections are in November. All positions are open.

New Business:

Wes Henry has a bee yard opportunity in Bald Knob on Flat Creek Road if anyone is looking for another place to set up bees. Speak with Wes for more information.

Blue Grass Beekeepers School: Will be at Kentucky State University on March 9, 2024. There will be a beginner's track and a 2nd year track. The school is put on along with Bluegrass Beekeepers and planning which will begin soon is open to anyone who is interested in helping.

Minutes submitted by Marsha
Bezold, CCBA Secretary,

CCBA Opportunities

CCBA Annual Potluck

October 24th, 2023

Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

** Please RSVP to forthcoming email*

** Meat and Drinks provided, Members/ Attendees to bring sides and desserts.*

** Phil Craft, guest speaker.*

KSBA Fall Conference

October 28th, 2023

111 Opportunity Way

CCBA Honey Booth

Elizabethtown, KY 42701



Franklin County Farmer's Market

November 11th, 2023, 8:30-12

404 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, KY

Setup 7:30 a.m.

