

The Capital Bee

The Official Newsletter of The Capital City Beekeepers Association

November 2022



BEE THANKFUL

Beekeeper's Almanac, CCBA News

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WHAT TO DO NOW IN THE APIARY

- ◆ Reduce entrance to prevent entry of mice (“mouse guards”)
- ◆ Winter patties (Protein) usually added around Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Combine weak or queenless colonies.
- ◆ Overwinter nucs or weaker colonies above a double screen board atop a stronger colony– the heat from the stronger will help keep them warm.

Consider joining with one or more fellow beekeepers to reduce the cost of winter patties by buying in bulk.

Honey Cinnamon Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients:

20 oz. (600 g) sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces

3 tablespoons melted butter

2 tablespoons honey

3-4 heavy dashes ground cinnamon

Instructions:

Pre-heat oven to 375°F (190°C).

Toss the sweet potatoes with the melted butter, honey and ground cinnamon. Transfer them to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Spread the sweet potatoes evenly in a single layer.

Roast in oven for 30 minutes.



USDA United States Department of Agriculture FARM SERVICE AGENCY

DISASTER ASSISTANCE Honey and Honeybee Programs

NAP	ELAP
NAP Overview Under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), eligible honey includes table and non-table honey produced commercially for human consumption. NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops to protect against natural disasters that result in lower yields or crop losses or prevents crop planting. To qualify for assistance,	ELAP OVERVIEW The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish who have losses because of disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, including losses because of blizzards and wildfires. Eligible Honeybee Losses

A Disaster Assistance Program is available to hobby beekeepers and Commercial alike to help recoup losses. This program will be discussed by Jimmy Chambers of Farm Service Agency at the November meeting. For information click the link or image above.

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/nap_elap_comparison_fact_sheet.pdf

“Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.”

—Proverbs 16:24

November's Honey Booth

November's Honey booth was a week before the normal Second weekend of the month (Nov. 5th) and four members setup. It was Kid's Day and the usual honey sticks with coloring books were given to children. Honey/ hive product sales were modest. The wind became a problem and the booth was closed a little earlier than normal. We will have the next opportunity at the Farmer's Market Holiday Booth December 10th.



L to R, Kay Daniel's, Dan Ramey, George Fowler, Michael Wiley and Wes Henry set up for November's Honey Booth.

The official kickoff to the holiday season for Frankfort begins with what is called *Candlelight Tradition*. Shops in downtown Frankfort are open late and the tree lighting on the Old Capital grounds opens the event officially. Capital City Beekeepers have regularly attended the event in years past and did so again this year- November 10th and 11th. Michael Gibson (Gibby) allowed us to setup at his establishment on West Broadway again this year. Michael has been a great supporter of CCBA over the years and we continue to be grateful.

CANDLELIGHT TRADITION 2022



George Fowler and Michael Wiley and Wes Henry (not pictured) at Gibby's.

Three members were able to setup both nights. There was a steady stream of folks and the discovery by many of the quality and variety of local honey was made by the holiday-event goers. Sales were good and the weather stayed dry with rain the morning of Friday night which made for a better crowd the second night.

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Treasurer's Report

For the November 15, meeting

General

Beginning Balance (October 20, 2022) \$2126.71

Receipts

Farmers Marker Fees Nov (4) \$40.00

Donation for Pt Luck \$20.00

Dues

New Members (3 Ind) \$30.00

Renewing Members (1 Ind; 2 Fam) \$50.00

Total Receipts \$140.00

Expenditures

Pot Luck

Meat & Cooking Supplies \$220.10

Door Prizes \$83.62

Misc. Party Supplies \$52.12

Total Expenditures \$356.14

Currant Available Balance \$1910.57

Checking Account: \$1860.57

Cash change fund \$50.00

Notes:

Wilson check for November has not yet been received.

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

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (October 20, 2022) \$1128.48

Receipts

Interest (10/31) \$0.14

Total Receipts \$0.14

Expenditures

Donation to Collins Lane School Art Prog \$250.00

Total Expenditures \$250.00

Ending Balance \$878.62

Submitted by:

George Fowler, Treasurer

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Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2022

The attendance to the pot luck this year was very good, over 60 members and their guests attended. A very brief business meeting was conducted at the annual pot luck dinner.

*Minutes: Curt Wallace motioned to accept the minutes, Michael Wiley 2nd. Minutes approved.

*George Fowler gave the treasurer's report. Receipts this month came from farmer's market booth fees, honey stick sales. Our club received \$180 from State Fair for working honey booth. Current balances - \$2126.71 in checking and \$1128.61 in savings. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

George also mentioned that the State Fair sent out \$41,000 in honey sales to beekeepers who sold there. It is a good venue for selling your honey.

Old Business: Hive painting- Stacy Luddke, who painted the hive in memory of Ken Daniels, would like proceeds from sale to go to the Collins Lane Elementary School Art Department. George Fowler made a motion to do so. Michael Wiley 2nd. Motion passed

New Business: 2023 Nominations are needed for next year. Existing officers are willing to continue in their positions if no one would like to run. Voting will be at the November meeting.

Frankfort Candlelight Event will be held Nov 10-12. Our club will have a booth Thursday and Friday.

Wes has four locations in Franklin County for bees if any beekeeper needs another location to place their hives.

Thank You to John Antenucci for preparing the meat for tonight's potluck and thank you to all who helped set up and acquired supplies!

George Fowler motioned to adjourn, Alan Alsip 2nd.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 15, 2022

Minutes submitted by Marsha Bezold, CCBA Sec.

CCBA Opportunities

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Regular November CCBA Meeting

November 15th, 2022

Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

Program 6 p.m., Business meeting 7 p.m.

(No Meeting in December)



Fall 2022 General Membership Meeting

November 19th, 2022

Registration begins 9 am (CCBA Volunteers Needed)

Kentucky State University Research Farm

1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, KY.



Holiday Market Honey Booth

December 10th, 2022

Franklin County Farmers Market

404 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, KY

10 a.m.– 1 p.m.

Setup 9:15



No CCBA Regular Meeting for December.