



Like the leaves of the Autumn hillsides, pollen is a kaleidoscope of color in the comb..

The Official Newsletter of the Capital City Beekeepers

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CCBA Pres. Talks Bees at Rotary

Capital City Beekeepers President Wes Henry took advantage of the opportunity to speak at the October meeting of the Frankfort Rotary club on the 16th in Frankfort, Kentucky. The twenty minute presentation Titled "Beekeeping: More than Honey" gave a brief history of the Honey Bee and beekeeping in America. Hive products—honey, pollen, wax, and propolis were discuss with a particular focus on the importance of pollination. Wes confessed that one of the most frequently asked questions is, "How are the bees doing?"



Rotarian Mike Scrivner (far right) listens as Wes talks Beekeeping

With that in mind, he discussed the latest results of the winter colony loss survey and why, citing environmental and farming challenges but the greatest threat being the varroa mite. He explained the importance of local organizations educating and mentoring and praised the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for investing in local and state organizations realizing beekeeping's benefits to and as an agribusiness. Attendees were also made aware of other business opportunities in beekeeping: selling bees themselves (queen rearing, nucs, package bees) and the production and sales of equipment. The audience was made aware of the local economic impact of beekeeping equipment sales in that the Frankfort branch of Dadant and Sons, being in the industrial park right here in Frankfort, and Kelley Beekeeping in Clarkson, KY. Wes ended the presentation with St John Chrysostom's quote that, "The bee is more honoured than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others" which as Wes professed, coincides with the fourth of the Rotarian "4 way Test"- "Will it be beneficial for all concerned". The invitation to speak was berthed from a conversation with local Rotarian Mike Scrivner at July's CCBA Farmer's Market booth. It's just another benefit from the booth as CCBA continues to invest in many ways in our local area.

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“The Kentucky Certified Honey Program (KCHP) was established by KSBA in an effort to promote the sale of local honey to consumers in Kentucky. We wish to promote the many beekeepers in Kentucky that raise their bees, harvest, process their honey, and sell their honey all within the State of Kentucky. All beekeepers within the State of Kentucky are eligible for certification by making formal application to KSBA and paying the appropriate annual dues. The annual dues include membership in KSBA at no extra cost. Each local association will receive \$3 back for each of its members that become certified...As Certified Honey Producers, beekeepers will have agreed to follow the program guidelines and to apply the certified honey label with a registered trade symbol to the bottles of honey that they sell. The labels are for sale to Certified Producers” [To apply Click the logo or here.](#)

CCBA at KWIA

CCBA Sec. Jan Rafert (pictured right) represented the association during the 20th Annual Conference of Kentucky Women In Agriculture at the Kentucky Proud Taste event in Crestwood on the 14th. He talked with folks about bees and beekeeping, also conducted a honey tasting, and was able to sell a few jars. The “Kentucky Women in Agriculture is a diverse group of individuals with ties to the agriculture industry in the Commonwealth”. Thanks Jan for your willingness to represent well the association at this event.



October's Farmer's Market

It was a-sight cooler at October's Honey Booth at the Franklin County Farmer's Market that September's. As seen in the picture right CCBA member Wayne Parrish donned his “cover-alls” against the chill on

also on hand. Sales were less than normal a bit but it was



Member's John Antenucci and Janet Osborn on the sunny side.

the shady side of the pavilion on Wilkinson Street. Three other members, Wes Henry, John Antenucci and Janet Osborn were

homecoming weeks for the local university and the chill may have kept some from venturing out but there was a welcome to the fall temperatures and bright sunshine...finally. As usual the booth gave us the opportunity to not only have an outlet for our local certified Kentucky honey, but also to talk with folks about bees and beekeeping, honey, and an assortment of topics on the subject and let people know we, their local beekeepers are here to supply their honey needs.

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FOOL'S GOLD

Often the pursuit of Fall Honey is a tricky prospect. It is a time when beekeepers are in pursuit to make ready for winter, with late season mite treatments



With planning and good fortune, one of Wes Henry's outyard-colonies made a bit of "fool's gold" this year.

and getting the workin'-gals to store what is needed until the first maples bud. It also seems to turn hot and/or dry and the fall flow is a bust. This easily gives it the name "fool's gold". However sometimes you strike it rich, if just a bit.

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Meeting:

At 6:58 p.m. President Wes Henry called the meeting to order and asked for a motion for the acceptance of August meeting minutes as they were published in the newsletter. Kathy Stephanski made the motion, Rick Evans seconded it, and the members present carried the motion.

Treasurer George Fowler presented the financial report and a motion to approve was requested. Eddie McNutt made the motion, Wayne Parrish seconded, and this motion too was approved.

Committee Reports:

Hive Inspections: Prior to the start of the meeting Jack Kuhn performed inspections of our hives. About 50 lbs. of honey was pulled, entrance reducers were installed, both queens were found (one already marked and the other was then marked), and one hive had more eggs and larvae. Surprisingly, on the mite inspection one of the hives had a rather heavy infestation. Jack said that the hive had been treated at the beginning of August, but since then a wild hive had been installed, explaining the problem.

Swarm Committee – the secretary reported that no swarms had been reported within the last month, but that a request had been made to remove a hive from a farm, where the new members had just moved into. However, there was no hive and the ball of *Hymenoptera* were not honeybees but yellow jackets!

Library – George mentioned that he brought our library with him and that he had asked the Extension Office if they might have a place to hold it, but so far had not received an answer

Outreach – Kay and Ken Daniels gave a Kids Pollinator Class at the Library on August 6th. The said that overall the kids were quite interested in the topic and in receiving information about our association.

Farmers Market – Ken reported that we are in need of more tasting spoons. John Antenucci said that he would get some.

Old Business:

Wes Henry advised that nominations were solicited for the 2020 year. To be received by October 22nd meeting and to be voted on during the November meeting.

The 2019 Annual potluck (10/22, 6:00 pm) was discussed and a signup sheet was passed around for attendance and dishes to be brought.

John Antenucci asked to advise him of final count by 10/15

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Dates to Remember

CCBA Annual Potluck
and Monthly Meeting
October 22nd,
6-8 p.m.
[Franklin County
Extension Office
101 Lakeview Ct.,
Frankfort, KY](#)

CCBA Farmer's Market
Booth
November 9th,
7:30-12 noon
[Franklin County
Farmer's Market
Frankfort, Ky](#)

KSBA Fall Meeting
November 9th,
[Central Bullet High
School, 1330 Hwy 44
East,
Shepherdsville, KY](#)

CCBA November
Meeting
November 19,
[Franklin County
Extension Office
101 Lakeview Ct.,
Frankfort, KY](#)

Frankfort Candlelight
Tradition
November 21-22
[Gibby's
204 W. Broadway
Frankfort, KY
5-9 pm](#)

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for amount of meat to cook.

Wes Henry announced he had secured the room the Homemakers normally meet in and will switch with us as usual that night.

The keynote for the night will be Tammy Horn Potter, speaking on her new book "Flower Power".

Ken Daniels moved that shirt not claimed and paid for at the present meeting be paid for by the club and sold by the club to members wanting them. Motion carried.

New Business:

Educational Expenses Ear-Marked: CCBA received 520.50 from the grant from Ky Dept. Ag. For educational programs from the 2019 Bluegrass Bee School. CCBA members voted to " earmark" those funds for CCBA educational expenses in the future. It will be held in the Association's Savings account.

A motion was made by John Antenucci to match the funds from the general fund, but was withdrawn.

Bee School: Ruth Jeffers from the Bluegrass Beekeepers Association asked if we would be willing to have about six people represent us for an initial meeting to start planning for the 2020 Bee School. Volunteers were requested and more information regarding a possible date will be forthcoming.

Wes mentioned that our November meeting is scheduled for the 26th, which is two days before Thanksgiving. He asked if we would like to move it the Tuesday before, the 19th, and if so, he would entertain a motion. Eddie McNutt made the motion, Michael Wiley Sr. seconded it and the motion was carried. So please remember to mark your calendars.

Finally, Michel Wiley Sr. reported that for the 2020 Franklin County Fair, on July 14th through 17th, the honey competition will be open to anyone, not just county residents and CCBA members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert

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Notes:

The September Check from Wilson Nurseries totaled \$64.75. This was redistributed to three participating members.

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
September 24, 2019 to October 22, 2019**

General Fund

Beginning Balance \$2793.01

Receipts

KSBA –share for state fair work	\$150.00
Interest on Checking Acct.(9/31)	\$0.26
Total Receipts	\$150.26

Expenditures

Purchase of tasting spoons	\$32.34
Total Expenditures	\$32.34

Currant Available Balance \$2910.93

Checking Account: \$2860.93
Cash change fund \$50.00

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Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$8.00

Receipts

Shared funds KSBA for bee school	\$520.50
Interest on savings account	\$.01
Total Receipts	\$520.51

Expenditures

Reimburse Marsha Bezold for Expenses associated with honey queen	\$50.00
Total Expenditures	\$50.00

Ending Balance \$478.51