



The Official Newsletter for The Capital City Beekeepers Association

**Article on Crystallized Honey
Firmed Up**

Besides being a member of the Capital City Beekeepers Association, Sara Preston also wears the hat as The Certified Kentucky Honey Producers Manager. Recently, the news came that an article educating the public about, and encouraging them not to throw out, their crystallized honey. The piece will give the reader not only facts about why honey does this and how to re-liquify crystallized honey but much more on the subject. The article is not only informational and practical but insightful. The exact issue has yet to be determined but it will run either in the November or December 2020 issue of [Edible Kentucky and Southern Indiana](#).



Candlelight 2020

Frankfort's kickoff to the holiday season is scheduled for November 12-15 and CCBA has the opportunity to setup and offer honey to folks at Gibby's as in years past. The Association will setup on Thursday and Friday evenings beginning at 4 pm November 12th. If you have honey or not to sell bring it down and join in the festivities of the season.

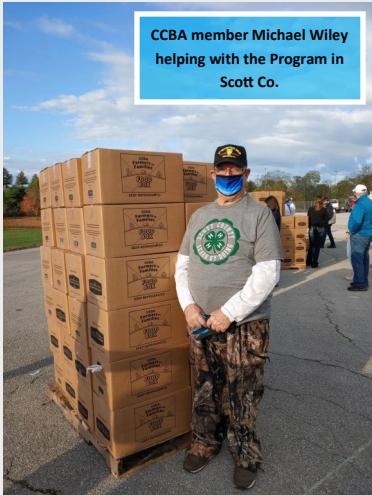


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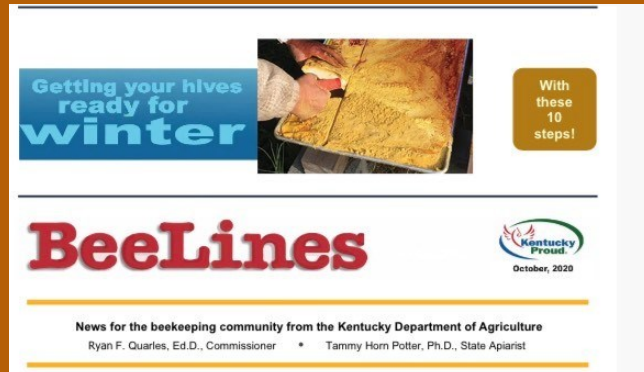
In cooperation with the precautions set forth, CCBA has again cancelled our regularly meeting at the extension office. However, we will be conducting a FB live program at 6 p.m. and afterwards our business meeting October 27th, via online conference call. Members were sent the sign-on information credentials. If you are a member and did not receive the email please contact Jan Rafert at jwrafert@gmail.com. - Wes Henry, CCBA President

CCBA member volunteers



CCBA member Michael Wiley recently volunteered to help with the USDA Farmer's to Families Food Box Program at the Scott county Extension office. The Program is a "...part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program...The program will supply food boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meat products and a combination box of fresh produce, dairy or meat products. Distributors... package these products into family-sized boxes, then transport them to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need." [Read More...](#)

The October 2020 Beelines is available online. Click on the pic to access the full issue.



ON OCTOBER 5, 1852,
L. L. LANGSTROTH RECEIVED
A PATENT ON THE
FIRST MOVABLE FRAME BEEHIVE



October attendance was low— temps and weather possibly to blame

The October Honey booth was attended by two of the membership. Ken Daniels and Wes Henry. It was Autumn cool and with a promise of rain that did hold off until near the end of the market that day. The temperatures and rainy forecast kept some shoppers in no doubt and the attendance with sales were off a bit from times past. As a reminder to members: November 14th and December 12th are the last two opportunities to sale at The Market this year.

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Meeting Minutes of 22 September 2020

NOTE: As with the last six months, the program was viewed on the association's Facebook page and the meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Program:

Once again, the evening's program was an inspection of our hives on the grounds of the Franklin Co. Cooperative Extension Office. The top-bar hive has a laying queen, but little to no honey stores. Light syrup was added to the Styrofoam feeder box in the first Langstroth hive. Nothing else was done to this hive due to its newly installed queen. The super on second Langstroth hive held a fair amount of uncapped honey on the frames that Jack had installed in August. The top brood box contained pollen and old honey along with some brood, larvae, eggs and an empty supercedure cell. The bottom brood box was mostly empty and will probably be removed or exchanged with the top brood box.

Meeting:

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He first expressed our gratitude of Ms. Carla Carter of the Franklin Co. Cooperative Extension Office for not only enabling us to meet via Zoom tonight, but also for arranging the same format for future meetings.

Next Wes called for approval of the minutes of the August meeting as they appeared in the recent newsletter. There were no objections, and thus the report was approved. Treasurer George Fowler reported that the only financial activity since August was the receipt on one new family membership and that he was awaiting a second family membership's dues, which the secretary had mailed to him. With no objections to his report, it was approved in the same manner as the minutes.

Activity Reports:

Swarm Report:

The secretary received no reports for swarms or problem bee colonies during the past month. George reported that, unfortunately last week, he witnessed a swarm leaving from one of his hives.

Farmers Market:

Wes reported that our next Farmers Market will be October 10th. Our last regular market will be on November 14th. A holiday market will be held on the 12th of December. John Antenucci, Sarah Conn and Wes are planning on being present.

Old Business:

Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler reported that he has received the new cart for the library, and it looks great. He requested that we reimburse him for the cost of \$199, including tax. Marsha Bezold made a motion for the reimbursement, John Antenucci seconded the motion and it was approved.

New Business:

Bluegrass Beekeeping School – 2021:

Due to the current pandemic situation, it is fairly certain that we will not be able to hold next year's bee school as we have in the past. However, it is felt that we should begin planning for it if circumstances change and, if they don't, to look at other options, such as video conferencing. George recommended that we start booking speakers as soon as possible, to ensure availability.

John Antenucci recommended that we plan on a remote school, where beekeepers can sign up for the sessions that they wish to attend. He said that he may have an IT contact for the technical logistics.

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Cont.

Wes said that he would contact Ruth Jeffers of the Bluegrass Beekeeping Association to see if her association is interested in co-sponsoring the school as they have in the past. Also, Ruth's husband is an IT person and may be of assistance.

John mentioned that one of the Honey Princesses or Queens had mentioned about their club providing scholarships for young people interested in becoming beekeepers and thought that was a good idea. Marsha also thought scholarships are an awesome way to reach the younger generation. Wes said that he had reached out to the FFA organization regarding this but had had no response. He also mentioned that trying to contact the Franklin Co. school system had reached a dead end. John suggested that we form a scholarship committee and said that he would be willing to be the chair. Wes asked for volunteers for the committee. The CCBA's Beekeepers **Scholarship Committee is now composed of Chair John Antenucci, Marsha Bezold, George Fowler and Jan Rafert.**

Officer Elections:

Nominations for our 2021 officers will be accepted at our October meeting and voting will be held at our November meeting. We regret to have to announce that our current vice-president, Lynn Morris, must step down from her position, so we have at least open position.

While on the subject, we want to express our sincere gratitude to Lynn for her commitment and service, we understand her reasons, and wish her the best with her other responsibilities. Thank You, Lynn!

Annual Pot-Luck Dinner:

Unfortunately, our annual pot-luck dinner has been cancelled for this year. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year in a myriad of ways.

Upcoming Event:

Frankfort's Candlelight Tour will be held during the second week of November, Thursday thru Saturday, the 12th through the 14th. John Antenucci will contact Gibby's Restaurant regarding once again using their facility. More information will be forthcoming in our October meeting.

October Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on October 27th. The program will begin at 6 p.m. and can be viewed on our Facebook page and at 7 p.m. our meeting will begin via Zoom. After that we will probably not meet until January 2021.

Adjournment:

At 7:32 George Fowler made a motion to adjourn and Lynn Morris seconded the motion, at which point the meeting was terminated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert
CCBA Secretary

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on October 22 for October 2020 Meeting

General

Beginning Balance (September 17, 2020) \$3270.51

Receipts

Dues (1 Family)	\$15.00
Farmers Market Sellers Fees	\$30.00
Interest on Checking Acct. (9/30)	\$0.27
Total Receipts	\$45.27

Expenditures

Purchase of Library Cart	\$199.26
Total Expenditures	\$199.26

Currant Available Balance \$3116.52

Checking Account: \$3066.52

Cash change fund \$50.00

Notes:

1. Wilson check for September = \$138.25 for 3 member/participants.
2. The treasurer maintains a \$50.00 cash change fund for use at meetings and events.

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$479.17

Receipts

Interest on savings account (9/30)	\$0.06
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Total Receipts \$0.06

Total Expenditures NONE

Ending Balance \$479.23

The Capital Bee

Opportunities

CCBA Regular Scheduled Meeting- October 27th,
[Facebook Live Program on CCBA FB page, 6 p.m.](#)



Business Meeting via ZOOM, 7 p.m. Members
sent sign-on information.

KSBA General Membership Meeting
November 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m. [click for details](#)

CCBA Honey Booth

November 14th, 7:30 a.m.-12 Noon

[Franklin County Farmers Market, Frankfort,
KY](#)

