

# *The Capital Bee*

The Official Newsletter of The Capital City Beekeepers Association

October 2022

*And the maples flame out in splendor,  
While the beech and birch trees show  
A tinting all clear and tender  
As the light filters through below,  
And woodbine and sumach are gleaming  
In a wonderous cardinal glow.*

The Od Farmer's Almanac, October 1923

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# Beekeeper's Almanac

## CONTINUE PREPARING FOR WINTER

- ◆ Hives should be getting heavy with honey stores. If not, feed 2 parts sugar dissolved in 1 part water (2 to 1 syrup), or fructose.
- ◆ Reduce entrance to prevent entry of mice (“mouse guards”)
- ◆ Winter patties (Protein) usually added around Thanksgiving.

Chang'd has *Summer's* gayest morning  
To the twilight of the year,  
Vanished has her fair adorning,  
And no verdant flow'rs appear.

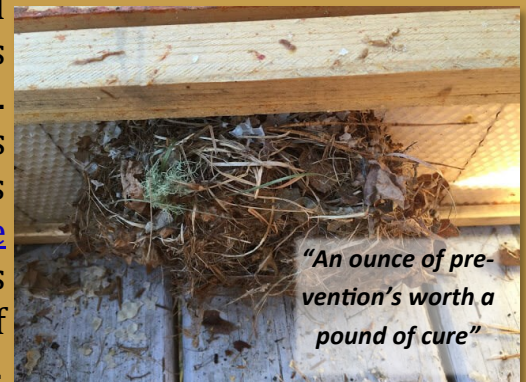
*The Farmer's Almanac, October 1823*

### “MOUSE GUARDS”



Mickey and Minnie, Speedy and Jerry, all mice we know and love, but let one of these real critters get into a dry and “warm”, place with food during the winter months while the bees are clustered against the cold and you’ll have a great surprise come spring—nests, wax and woodenware damage, and all that comes with it. Yes, guarding against mice from getting into your hives during the winter months can

easily be prevented with what we call “mouse guards”. It is simply something that keeps mice out and allows the bees to still come and go. There are many products in beekeeping catalogs and as well several DIY methods that work great too. A couple DIYs is 3/8-1/2” mesh wire stapled across the entrance, or the installation of wooden reducers (I prefer the longest opening). Another is [a simple “keep in” guard](#) designed by Dr. Marion Ellis member of the Entomology Dept. of University of Nebraska. Click the above link for the skinny on that.



## EAS Master Beekeeper, Leonard Davis

### Keynote for '22 Potluck



The CCBA Annual Potluck will be held October 25th at the Franklin County Extension Office in Frankfort. Members and their guest had a deadline of October 15th to reserve their place. The Keynote speaker for this year's event will

be Leonard Davis on "Winter Feeding Options". Leonard attended the University of Kentucky and Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine and is a small animal veterinarian in Louisville, where he

owns and operates Davis Animal Clinic. He is USDA-Aphis accredited. He currently manages 35+ colonies practicing self-sustaining beekeeping. He grafts and raises his own queens. Leonard is an Eastern Apiculture Society (EAS) Certified Master Beekeeper and the EAS Kentucky Director. He was the president of the EAS 2021 Conference that was held in Shepherdsville just south of Louisville. He is currently the president of the Bullitt County Beekeepers Association, a member of the Kentuckiana Beekeepers Association, the Kentucky Queen Breeders Association, and of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association. Leonard has taught at several of the local association meetings, at the EAS Conference, at the Kentucky State Beekeepers meetings, and at various other clubs and organizations.

## October's Honey Boo-th



Members George Fowler, Kay Daniels, and Eddie McNutt participated in the October Framers Market Honey booth October 8th. The report was that it was "slow, not our best sale day". Next Honey booth has been changed to first weekend in November, November 5th.

## 2022 Candlelight Tradition

The CCBA will again be participating in this Local Holiday Season opener in downtown Frankfort November 10-13. Traditionally CCBA participates Thursday evening and Friday evenings *a club-wide email will confirm*. Michael "Gibby" Gibson, a long time friend of CCBA, has agreed to allow the use of his business front at 204 West Broadway again. Honey and all hive products can be sold and there's always good fellowship and interaction with the public.



# Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on October 20, 2022

For the October 25, 2022 Meeting

## General Fund

Beginning Balance (September 23, 2022) **\$1935.93**

### Receipts

Farmers Marker Fees Sept (2)	\$20.00
Farmers Marker Fees Oct (3)	\$30.00
Sale of Honey sticks	\$3.00
Donation from State Fair	<u>\$180.35</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$233.35</b>

### Expenditures

Poster Material for fair	\$27.22
Honey Sticks	<u>\$15.35</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$42.57</b>

**Currant Available Balance** **\$2126.71**

**Checking Account: \$2076.71**

**Cash change fund \$50.00**

### Notes:

Wilson check for September totaled \$169.75 (distributed to 6 members).

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

## Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (September 23, 2022) **\$1128.48**

### Receipts

Interest (9/30)	<u>\$0.13</u>
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**Total Receipts** **\$0.13**

**Total Expenditures** **NONE**

**Ending Balance**

**\$1128.61**

Submitted by:

George Fowler, Treasurer

# Capital City Beekeepers Association

## Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2022

In attendance: 16 members

President, Wes Henry called the meeting to order.

**Club Hives:** Jack Kuhn did the hive inspection of club hives. Very little brood was found, both are in need of feeding. Jack plans to requeen both hives. Jack recommended an oxalic acid vapor treatment in early November as a cleanup treatment for varroa.

July minutes were approved without discussion (there was no August meeting)

**Treasurer's report:** August report was in newsletter. Please see newsletter for details. Balance for August checking is \$1935.93 with receipts and expenses related to Franklin County Farmers market and Franklin County Fair. For September checking the balance is unchanged. Savings Account balance is \$1128.48 with deposits made from sale of painted hive and donations in memory of Ken Daniels. Our club received \$180.35 from KSBA for our participation in the state fair honey sales. Mary Charleton motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Lynne Morris seconded. Motion passed.

**Library:** Club library is available to all members.

**Swarms:** None reported

**September Farmers Market:** Wes Henry and Kay Daniels sold honey this month. Sales were good. Remaining markets for this year are Oct 8 and Nov 5 (note that the November date is the first Saturday of month). We will also be selling at Holiday Market (date tba).

Club did not work The Bluebird Festival nor the Greenstock Festival because of lack of participation. George Fowler reported that since the Bluebird Festival was very successful and organizers plan to hold it again next year, we will try again and see if there is any interest among club members to sell honey.

**Hive Painting:** The hive that was painted by Stacy Luddke was sold to Ken Daniel's daughter who wanted to purchase it for her granddaughters. Proceeds will be distributed to a local school's art program. Details are still being worked out. Decision on how to distribute proceeds will be tabled until October/November meeting.

**State Fair:** Congratulations to Lynne Morris and Jack Kuhn for their blue ribbon wins at the state fair. Lynne won blue in the Black Jar Division. Jack won blue in Honey Frame Division, Light Amber and Dark Amber Divisions. Jack also won Best Honey Display and Grand Champion of Honey Show. \*\*\*\*\* The club had 8 members who worked the fair.

**New Business:**

**Nominations:** All positions are accepting nominations. You can nominate yourself or someone else. Positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer

**October Pot Luck:** Dr. Leonard Davis will be our guest speaker. He is an EAS Certified Master Beekeeper, Current president of Bullit Co. Beekeepers, member of Kentuckiana Beekeepers Association as well as Kentucky State Beekeepers Association, and practicing Veterinarian. The club discussed what topics that they would like Mr. Davis to speak on. John Antenucci has agreed to prepare the meat for the potluck that the club will provide. Donations of door prizes are requested.

**Club Dues:** Club dues will start back up for 2023. Renewal dues had been suspended temporarily because of lack of activities due to covid.

Discussion on bottle labeling requirements for selling honey at State Fair and other venues ensued.

Motion was made by George Fowler to adjourn.

# CCBA Opportunities

## 2022 CCBA Annual Potluck

October 25th, 2022

EAS Master Beekeeper Leonard Davis,  
Guest Speaker

### [Franklin County Extension Office](#)

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY 6 p.m.

Meat provided, members asked to bring a side dish and/or desserts.



## November CCBA Honey Booth

November 5th, 2022

Set up 7:45 am, open 8:30-12:30pm

### [Franklin County Farmer's Market](#)



## Candlelight Tradition

201 W. Broadway,

### [Downtown Frankfort](#)

November 10-11th

Email with details to be sent



## 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)