

CIBA June 2022 President's Newscast

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From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

Hello Members

Just a quick note.

This time of the year is the most fun for us beekeepers to simply watch our bees forage for nectar and pollen. I always am in awe of watching them come and go at the entrance. Whenever I simply want to get away from it all I visit my bees and watch. It is relaxing and the experience always creates questions in my mind. What kind of pollen is that red stuff? Or why is that bee "fighting" with another at the entrance? Or why are they only entering the hive at the one side? Like I say -- every time I am watching new questions pop up.

These questions along with soooo many others seem to be always talked about at our meetings. And this one of the reasons our meetings are fun and informative. We will not always have the answers, but we try.

As for our CIBA Field Day meeting on Saturday, July 16th -- stay tuned. The CIBA Program Committee is finalizing the details as I write this. You will be getting a separate email with the Field Day details within a week or two. But reserve that date now as our Field Days are the most practical for us beekeepers from the standpoint of it being more hands on.

Reminder: there is a CIBA Board meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022 starting at 7:00 PM that is open to all members. Details and Zoom log in information are in the Summer BEELINE.

Finally, we have gotten notification that CIBA is now officially a non-profit group -- a Federal 501(C)(3) educational public charity. This means that any donations to CIBA can be used as a tax deduction – including donations made since our application in October of last year. Along with this we will also qualify for reduced rates on insurance and even rental/availability of some facilities. The CIBA Board has been working on this for a while. Patience has been the key.

Thanks for being a member.

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