

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

Hello CIBA members!!

As many of you know our July 22 Summer Field Day was a huge success with about 100 beekeepers attending at the Iowa Arboretum and Gardens near Luther, IA. You could come and go throughout the morning sessions and attend any or all of the sessions. You could even attend the same session more than once if you wanted to really learn more about that particular subject. The afternoon lectures were informative, well attended and in air-conditioned comfort. I hope you had a chance to stroll through the Arboretum grounds and enjoy the excellent facilities. Those attending were a mix of experienced beekeepers, new beeks and even some looking to see if beekeeping would be for them. The weather cooperated and the luncheon food was great. We had 8 new memberships with 12 new members join CIBA at the field day. Welcome to all those new members.

There were not any fees associated with this event. We did get some donations. Thanks to all that donated. It would be great if we could do this free stuff at the next Winter Seminar but with venue rental charges, food expenses and speaker fees for a daylong event we will need to cover those expenses. CIBA is focused on only covering those costs and providing these special events as reasonable as we can. As you know, our regular meetings are free and open to the public. Don't hesitate to invite friends or others interested in beekeeping to our regular meetings. We are a scientific, educational non-profit and we will be true to that type of organization. We were only able to provide this year's Field Day event free because of the success of the March Winter Seminar which resulted in more income than expenses.

Even though our field day was free, the info gained about beekeeping was the best. We are fortunate to have talented beekeepers and educators in the Midwest at our events to present both practical and emerging beekeeping information to you. A big thank you to all the presenters at the Summer Field Day and throughout this year.

Our meetings are normally on the third Saturday every other month. This July's meeting/field day was the 4th Saturday (not the third) as the Arboretum was already booked on our regular meeting day. So, we return to our normal meeting schedule for our next meeting on the 3rd Saturday in September -- September 16th. Stay tuned for more info on the September meeting -- will have that for you shortly.

Thanks for being a member of our great organization.

Your President

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