APRIL NEWSCAST

CIBA Members:

Ahhhhhh spring is here and hopefully most of your bees survived.  There is now nectar and pollen that is available.  Not a lot but some that they can survive on.  I have always said that if you are going to plant plants for pollinators, find ones that provide nectar and pollen really early or very late in the season.  Like willows in the spring and seven sons flower in the fall.  These two are good examples of what I am talking about.

We had our Spring quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 27 with Ellen Bell, owner of Bell Farm in Runnells, presenting Beekeeping Spring Management.  I extend my heartfelt apologies to any CIBA member who was unable to attend the meeting as a result of Zoom limitations.  We believed our subscription to Zoom would cover our attendance needs, but we discovered there was a cut-off of 100 participants.

This leadership team’s focus is about serving our members, and we fell short at this meeting.  Please accept my sincerest apologies if you were unable to connect due to these circumstances.  We had a special board meeting last night to address this situation, and we will be sending out Ellen’s PowerPoint presentation including notes that a board member scribed during the presentation, as well as links to a couple of her You Tube presentations that cover some of her content.  The board also voted last night to upgrade our Zoom subscription to ensure this situation does not arise at future meetings.

I want to introduce an idea I will write every month.  I am calling it **BEE BITS**.  It will be information that is either very "new" or has not been presented nor talked about recently.  We will only share this information with our members.  This is one of the benefits of being a member of CIBA.  Of course, once we share it then you can share it to your friends and other beekeepers.

The Bee Bits will come in a separate email from the newscast since we only want our members to see it first.  So be expecting one within a day or two.

On another note -- we are seeing a lot of members renewing and a lot of new members joining.  Thank You!!  Your leadership team is dedicated to providing you with a great venue for you to learn and to provide a chance to connect with other dedicated beeks.

We have a lot to be grateful for in having a great newsletter, a great website and a very well defined set of goals.

We will function not just by individuals but by committees.  We do want to include members outside of our Board to serve on these committees.

The list of committees is on our website.  We are very anxious to welcome you to our leadership team.  It is a great way to extend your beekeeping experience outside the beeyard.

Thank You!!  Your President, Jamie