



CCBA Meeting Minutes FEB 12, 2018

\*. Numbers of Executive Steering Committee: Dave Sieruta PRES : 904-282-2193, Dori Kline V-Pres: 904-616-2723, Sue Gianino SEC: 904-276-5921, Ray Vickerman TREAS: 904-284-5317, Luke Harlow AG Rep: 904-284-6355. **Face Book at Clay County Beekeepers Association**, Ralph W. Organizer 904-514-9927 and **Website <http://claybees.com>**, Frank Gianino, WEB Organizer 904-276-5921. \*\*Dave Sieruta: Education/Speakers **Phone 904-282-2193 to volunteer** Ralph White: 352-514-9927**for Apiary duty**,  
\*\*\* **Tom Glisson Clay County Fair Representative: 904-329-0062 to volunteer. Honey House Repair and re-New Committee Kerriann Bonello 904-945-3860 to volunteer.**

**DATES to KNOW:**

MAR 4, Orange Park Market at Kinglsey and US 17 from 10-3Pm volunteers welcome

MAR 10, Mentors Meeting **CANCELLED**

MAR 10, Beginner Bee Class from 8 - 3:30 Volunteers welcome to help with the class/clean up/ lunch

MAR 17 at 9 - for bottling/labeling honey (16 five gal buckets) for Clay County Fair: bring honey filling buckets, long handled spoons, towels. Volunteers NEEDED

MAR 24, 10Am Volunteers needed to help Dori and Kerriann **904-945-3860**, set up Honey House at CC Fair Grounds

MAR 29 - APR 7 Clay County Fair DATES, call Tom Glisson **904-329-0062** to volunteer & find times for our help. Mar 29 (2-7P), MAR 30 (11-7P), MAR 31 (10-7P), APR 1 (11-7P), 4/2 (10-7P), 4/3 (4-7P), 4/4 (4-7P), 4/5 Senior Day (11-7P), 4/6 Youth Dau(9-7P) 4/7 (10-7). A lot of fun, let folks know what you know about bees and help sell our honey.

**Old Business:** Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15, our logo on your shirt \$10. See Ray for cap and Sue for Shirts.

-- Mentor List is available for anyone who would like to Mentor a new member and members requesting a Mentor, call Ralph 352-514-9927 or Dave Sieruta 904-282-2193.

-- **NOTE:** If you wish to join the FL State Beekeepers and donate toward the building and furnishing of the new Honey Bee Lab in Gainesville, FL go **to UF Honey Bee Lab: [www/UF Honeybee.com](http://www/UFHoneybee.com) or [Beekeeper Lab.org](http://BeekeeperLab.org).**

\*\*Fran Fowler is collecting Pop tops from cans to go to Canines for Vets program

\*\* NOTE: Miss Bee Haven will have Queen Cells around FEB 16th fr \$4 (keep them warm in transit) they will also have 3# of bees pkgs for \$120 and 5 frame NUCS in mid April for \$135. #904-610-3470. Be sure to mention you are with CCBA for these prices.

++ Next meeting MAR12, 7PM, Speaker Rob Horsburg, (DPI Inspector).

7:00 PM Meeting Opened by Dave Sieruta. Welcomed new 4 members.

--Secretary mailed out last month's minutes.. Accepted.

--Treasurer reported \$6521.59, Ray reported the honey and bottles have been ordered for the CCF.

--Apiary Report from Dave: 3 hives survived the winter and doing very well.

--**Honey House Report from Kerriann**: Kids Projects planned for CCF with posters and signs that will mark all the jobs honeybees do in the hive. Frames for posters being made and a blackboard will be used for messages etc. Call her and volunteer for a fun project that will be on display and used the 10 days of the fair.

-Ray reported the Mentor program was completed with 5 new mentors

--Fran Fowler had the CCF Honey House signup sheet for members to sign up.

7:20 Dave introduced Fran Fowler who spoke of the healing powers of Raw Honey. She had references for Allergies, Arthritis, Infections and more studies are conducted each day. Dave noted he uses bee stings for his Arthritis with good results New studies include bee venom uses fighting MRSA a staph condition resistant to antibiotics and use with Acupuncture needles for added effects. Books she recommends: "Two Million Blossoms" Kirsten S. Traynor, M.S.:

"The Honey Prescription" Nathaniel Altman: "Honey--Natures Golden Healer" Gloria Havenhand: "Honey The Gourmet Medicine" Joe Traynor: "The Healing Powers of Honey" Cal Orey: "Folk Medicine" D.C. Jarvos, MD: "Health and the Honeybee" Charles Mraz. Can be found on Amazon.

7:40 Dave spoke on the Indispensable NUC. The NUC traditionally has 5 frames, there are Baby NUCS are smaller with 2-3 frames and shorter in length generally for queen production. Commercial Beekeepers have 1 NUC per 10 hives and for the Backyard beekeeper 1 NUC per 2 hives. Benefits: 1) used to split hives, 2) Used to build up weak hives with more bees. 3) helps with untimely queen problems to make a new queen. 4) used for extra brood and expand operations, 5) used for swarm collection, 6) Producing and selling NUCS for income. NUCS expand quickly and require more attention to make sure they are fed and have room. They can be susceptible to infestations because the defenders are smaller. Because they are smaller be careful on the amount of medications. From Jamie Ellis PhD, American Bee Journal 2017 Oct pg 1061-1063.

#Request for Louie" Bee Grease was made and will be printed and put on the website.

7:58 Raffle conducted: Beb Duvall won a NUC from Hives & More, Tom DeVille wone bee necklace, Lisa Macke won bee hand soap.

8 pm NEW Business:

Dave noted that Ashley Mortensen is leaving UF and moving to New Zealand, Fran will get a card for all to sign.

8:20 Meeting Adjourned and Ray V, will stay for 15 min to discuss any bee issues.

Submitted for approval,

Sue Gianino,

Secretary

*Honey bees, otherwise known as the Angels of Agriculture, are the strongest link in the chain between food producers*