



*CCBA Meeting Minutes APR 13, 2026

Present 58, Zoom 1, Mentor Mtg 23

* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee

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*Christine Nicolodi/ Gary Van Barringer: **Refreshment Coordinators.**

DATES to KNOW: BUSY MONTH UPCOMING

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). 2026 DUES OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail, can use VENMO or Credit/Debit card.

BUSY TIME OF YEAR:

-- MAY 3, Orange Park Farmers Market 10-3

MAY 9, CCBA Mentor Mtg 9AM time change due to hot weather WED MENTORS MEET AT 9 AM ALSO

MAY 11, 7PM CCBA Business Meeting

MAY 30-31 American Farm Stead Convention 8-4 PM at Cattleman's Arena, **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for honey sales and Bee talk

JUN 6, Master Gardeners Plant Sale 7-12 at Extension Office

JUN 7, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

JUN 8, CCBA Business Mtg 7PM

JUN 13, CCBA Mentor **Mtg 9-12**

Old Business: -- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 available at check-in. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$13 Price increase (see Sue G. or Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall). John Boeckstiegel has ash & yellow color Golf-shirts with silk screen logo: S-LG \$14, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$11, XXL \$14.

-- Mentors are available, call Ray Vickerman & Dave Sieruta. (19) Mentors currently: Libby & Mike McCalley (Orange Park & Fleming Island), Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Joe Dobransky (Orange Park), Ray Vickerman, Lani Rouw, Susan & Bob Welch (Green Cove Springs), Ken Harp & Barbara Perkins (Key Stone), Jurgen & Sylvia May (Polk City), Rick & Dorie Kline (Middleburg), Eric Bush (Middleburg), Larry & Phillis Gillis (Middleburg).

--Swarm collection; let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone number on the Website.

Please check the Web site for Swarm Collection and Cut Out folks.

-- HONEY FOR SALE: let Frank know if you have honey for sale and he will put it on our web site also our FB page will work..

*****Beekeepers MUST Register your hives with Mosquito Control Board (904) 284-6357, Check out Clay County Mosquito Control OR Call Lita Hornsby Manager to give her your location and your hives location. **Frank has posted the Mosquito Control and Beekeepers info on the Web site. **Records are incomplete after computer failure in 2022. *****Please Re Register.

**** We have a new Clay County Bee inspector; Brittney Robenson****

-- 7:10 Dave opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 1 New Member, Brian & 2 Guests tonight.

--7:10 Secretary " E" minutes approved

-- Treasurer Report: \$11562.18 accepted

-- President Report:

-- Our Honey cost \$9973.28 OUR CCF SALES \$15,214 for a profit of \$5,240.70

Our raffle \$1370 TOTAL: \$6610.72

** For our Members the left Honey will sell for \$10 for our 16 oz bottles.

THANKS TO ALL CCBA MEMBERS WHO HELPED CLEAN THE HONEY HOUSE, BOTTLE HONEY, AND WORK AT THE FAIR THIS YEAR.

-- Apiary Report: 3 Langstroth, 16 NUCS with Castles, one top Bar hive not populated.

-- What's Blooming: Elderberry, Palm trees.

-- Mentor Report: Ray reports we had 17 Members last month with Q&A.

-- Membership Coor: Susan Repots thank you to all paid members.

--Feed your hives if you do not see pollen coming in due to dry conditions. Continue to check for mites, populations will be growing. Check your Swarm Traps.

7:40 Dave was our speaker tonight and ran the videos from UF on Hive Inspections. Sheet is on our Web Page Library SEE Claybee.com Library for videos.

Note: Bee Bread is made from pollen and honey and fed to Drones and Workers. You feed during Derths, however if your bees are getting enough nutrients, you can feed plane water for hydration

Note: State of FL states that if you catch a swarm you need to requeen; not necessary for N. FL.

NOTE: Mike McCalley has a lot of Swarms and bees for 5-10 frame hives for \$75-125.

Jeff Camble also has NUCs for sale at \$160.

Dave also has a sign-up list for our NUCs at \$80 for 5 frame.

8:15 OLD Business: No NEW Business

8:24 Raffle

8:405 Adjourned; Mentors available for questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary