



*CCBA Meeting Minutes AUG 10, 2026

Present 61, Zoom 1, Mentor Mtg 12

*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:

-- AUG 15-16, Bee Fare at JAX Equestrian Ctr 9-4

--Sep 6, OP Market 1--AUG 0-3 begins new season

--SEP 12, CCBA Mentor Meeting 9-11

--SEP 14, CCBA Meeting 7-9pm

--SEP 26, **Beginner Bee Class at the Clay Extension Office/**Registration on web site/Events

--OCT 4, OP Market 10-3

--OCT 10, CCBA Mentor Meeting **10-12 Fall Hours**

--OCT 12, CCBA Meeting 7-9

--OCT 17-18, Orange Park Fall Festival 10-5, see Sue G to volunteer.

--NOV 1, OP Mkt 10-3

--NOV 9, CCBA Meeting 7-9

--NOV 14, CCBA Mentor **Meeting 10-12**

--DEC 6, OP Mkt, 10-3

--DEC 12, CCBA mentor Mtg, 10-12

--**DEC 14, CCBA Christmas Party and voting for Ex Committee.** 7---9

--JAN 10, CCBA Mentor Mtg 10-12

--JAN 11, CCBA Mtg 7-9

-- **JAN 30 Gold Head Yesterday Fest 9-4, Volunteers needed**

Old Business: --Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 available at check-in. Our logo embroidered on your Poloshirt \$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; Bryanna Roberson** #352-258-1579**

-- 7:10 Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed Scott and Trudy Endy, and 2 friends from St John's.

--7:10 Secretary "E" minutes approved

-- Treasurer Report: \$25,510.80 accepted

--President Report:

--The Honey Flow is over; you should have harvested your honey now. Leave honey that is not 60-80% capped for the bees.

--Feed your bees now and provide water

--Treat for Mites* and SHB if needed: Oxalic Acid, Powder Sugar or chemical Rx

--Bee Population is decreased during the Dearth.

--Monitor your Swarm Traps

--Apiary Report: 4 Langstroth, 16 NUCS with Castles, one top Bar hive not populated. 1 Swarm Trap

--What's Blooming: Bottle Brush, Ligustrums, Pagodas, Spanish Thistle and Black eyed Susies.

--Mentor Report: Ray reports we had 12 Members this month with Q&A.

-- Membership Coord: Susan Reports 205 members thank you to all paid members. Registration for 4H is AUG 15.

7:40 Bryanna Roberson, our Apiary Inspector, discussed her responsibilities to Beekeepers. She is looking for primarily Foul Brood in your hives, and she will check for Mites and SHB. Register your hives and have your hive approx. 3 months before you can get an inspection. They want to make sure your hive is growing and doing well.

Question about rearing Queens; ANS, If you plan to sell Queens you will need a special inspection.

7:50 Dave Sieruta spoke on getting your hives ready for Winter/Spring. (Power Point is on the website under Library/videos). Plan your hive care 6 months in advance. In AUG you set your hives up for JAN when the Red Maples bloom and bees get busy building up.

--Watch for Swarming, Mitte increase and SHB build up.

--To Over-Winter a poor hive, combine it with a strong hive or reduce the size to a NUC.

--Brood Booster is a good resource for building strong hives.

--Feed your bees 1:1 Sugar water solution, you do not need pollen patties here in FL, they attract SHB if you use too much. But if you use dry pollen, put it on a plate away from the Hive to avoid robbing.

--Feed your hives during the Winter as they use it. There is no reason to open your hives unless necessary. The bees are more defensive as food sources dwindle.

--Robbing can be an issue from other bees if your hive becomes too weak. Use your entrance reducer to lessen the space the bees need to defend, don't leave your hive open too long; bees can smell your honey from a long distance, and you can buy or make entrance screens.

--It is always good to have a Resource NUC 1:2 hives to supply the hives with bees/queen/splits.

--Freeze your frames 48 hours when you reduce your hive over winter or Use Wax Moth B402/Moth Crystals (Zentari Crystals) when in storage. Air the frames out before use.

8:30 OLD Business:

8:33 NEW Business: due to proposed budget cuts to the AG Center, they may not be able to afford the training binders for the Beginner Bee Class. Dave proposed that since it is educational, we could buy the binders with our ED fund. **MOTION VOTED AND APPROVED TO \$1000.** Plus, our usual funding for the Luncheon of \$250.

--Sue G reminded all that Bee Fare is this weekend and called out names of the volunteers.

8:24 Raffle

8:40 Adjourned; Mentors available for questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary