



*CCBA Meeting Minutes MAR 9, 2026

Present 52, Zoom 0, Mentor Mtg 32

* 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:

--MAR 20-21, UF Bee College/UF Bee Lab, Gainesville, FL

--MAR 21, Cleaning the CCF Honey House 10AM Volunteers needed

--MAR 28, Honey Bottling (30/ 5GAL buckets) at Clay Extension Bld, 12-5 ish, Volunteers needed

--APR 2-12, Clay County Fair: See Sue Welch for volunteer schedule sign up

--APR 13, CCBA Meeting 7PM

--APR 18, CCBA Mentor Meeting 10-12

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, Susa & Bob Welch (Green Cove Springs), Ken Harp & Barbara Perkins (Key Stone), Jurgen & Sylvia May (Polk City), Rick & Dorie Kline (Middleburg), Amy & Jeff Campbell (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; Brittny 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: \$19,871.88 accepted

** Our Beginner Bee Course last SAT had 46 folks attend but the weather was once again not conducive to the Apiary visit. The students have a choice to come to our mentor Meeting this SAT.

-- President Report:

-- Please see Dave we ordered 35/5GAL buckets of honey, bottles and caps flr the CCF.

-- BeeScape.psu.edu Ray Hewett videos are very good.

--Monitor and control Mites and SHB. Varroa populations will begin to grow as the weather warms and treat your hives when you have 3%Mites after a mite check. This is a good time to treat before your honey supers go on. (treat 7 days for 4 treatments per year).

--If you do a split or catch a swarm be sure to feed until plants recover from the winter freeze.

--Get Swarm Traps out. Swarms are usually between 10-3 pm after that, 3-4 ish is when new workers do their orientation flight. Contact Don Comer (904)496-5869, for a trap.

--NORROA is a new Mite Treatment approved in 20 states and available at MANN Bee Co. A liquid treatment ingested by bees to render the Mite infertile. NOTE: Always get a Mite count before and after treatment to ensure treatment is needed. Don't forget Powder Sugar works well also.

VIDEO on U-Tube. Suggested use at beginning of Honey flow and after honey harvest.

-- Apiary Report: 2 Langstroth, 8 NUCS with Castles. Plan to do splits next Mentor mtg. Queens will be laying Drone eggs now, they are the longest developers, then Queens if there will be a swarm.

-- What's Blooming: Carolina Jasmine is poison to your bees, it blooms for 2 weeks. There will be dead bees on the ground and in the hive.

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

-- Membership Coord: Susan Reports thank you to all paid members. **Pls contact Susan Welch to** volunteer for MAR 21, Cleaning the Honey House at the CCF 10 AM. MAR 24. Susan will be getting our CCF badges and tickets soon.

--Dave has 9 pkgs of bees left for \$107.. To be picked up MAR 22 but payment due this month to Dave Sieruta \$107 for your 3# package.

7:40 Dave was our speaker tonight and ran the videos from UF on Installing Bee Packages & NUCS and Doing Splits. SAEF Claybee.com Library for videos.

--Sue G noted that for those who remembered our First President, Calvin Wilcox, will be remembered with a Dedication Brick at the CCF on APR 4 at 1100 in front of the CCF Log Cabin Office if you'd like to attend.

8:15 OLD Business: No Old Business

8:24 Raffle

8:405 Adjourned; Mentors available for questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary