



CCBA Meeting Minutes NOV 13, 2017

*. Numbers of Executive Steering Committee: Tom Glisson PRES: 904-329-0062, Ralph White VP: 352-514-9927, 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 and Website <http://claybees.com>, Frank Gianino, WEB Organizer. **Dave Sieruta: Education/Speakers Phone 904-282-2193 to volunteer for Apiary duty

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.UF.Honeybee.com) or [Beekeeper Lab.org](http://Beekeeper.Lab.org).

Old Business: Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15, and you can get our logo on a shirt of your choice for \$10. See Ray for your cap and Sue for your 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. +++Mentor Booklets given to Ray Vickerman our new **Mentor Trainer DEC 2 at 1PM at the Clay Ag Ctr for Mentor Training.**

-- Dave Westerfelt, Bee Inspector, is getting antibiotics for those who need them to help eliminate the long procedure required for FL beekeepers: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com> for Registered Beekeepers, prescription for your Veterinarian and your antibiotics

++REMINDER TO ALL: Next meeting DEC 11, 7 pm. it is **election of members** for the EX Steering Council: Pres: Tom Glisson current and Dave Sieruta, VP Ralph (present) and Dori Kline. Secretary Sue Gianino (present), Treasure Ray Vickerman (present)

++**DEC 11 Meeting is our Christmas Fellowship meeting** to vote and have a wonderful dinner: BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH, CCBA will furnish turkey and tea/coffee. We need Appetizers, salads, desserts, etc.

7:05 PM Meeting Opened by Tom. Welcomed new members and guests. **DUES are now being accepted for 2018 season payable to CCBA through Ray Vickerman.**

--Secretary mailed out last month's minutes. Accepted with one correction H. Harvey changed to H. Irma.

--Treasurer reported \$6891.17, accepted as read.

--Fran Fowler is collecting Pop tops from cans to go to canines for Vets program

7:10 Tom introduced Ray Claxton speaking on "Beekeeping with Kids" and introducing Donalyn Kent and her new illustrated book "Painting for Honey Bees." www.DKTales.com

--Ray started out by saying working with children depends on the age group as to their attention span and cognitive capability. He has found that 3rd and 4th graders are the most attentive and curious any younger or older are easily distracted. He has just finished the Ag Venture at the Jacksonville Fair which is a week of classes given on all aspects of the Ag Center: beef, dairy, forestry, beekeeping, candle making and horticulture. It is nice to give the children something to remember your class; candle they make, honey sticks etc. They had over 860 children at their event in 4 days. It is important to sit at the child's eye level, get the kids settled down by asking them questions

about them and their class. Next, ask them questions about Metamorphosis showing pictures of insects changing from larva to insect, pollination and pollinators all taught about 3rd grade. He brings in all the fruits, vegetables and plants that use pollination to exist. Next he talks about pheromones explaining it is the scents from the queen (ants or honeybees) can cause alarm or keep hives organized. Third, he explains the male of the hive is the Drone who's only purpose is to mate the queen, being careful to use verbiage they understand without getting too expletive. Ray introduced Donalyn who used Ray as her main character in the book. They both agree that a observation hive, bee equipment (smoker, hive tools, bee suit, bees wax) they can touch and feel is very helpful and a great attention getter. Keep classes short about 15-30 min only, too long and the children loose interest.

+Ray emphasized now is the time to feed your bees 2:1 solution sugar to water so you have a good 2 brood cycles before the Spring Maple flow and if you try pollen patties use small amounts to see if the bees will use them. They are a great attractor of hive beetles and the bees may reject the patty. Now is the time to treat for mites without your honey supers.

8:05 PM Apiary Report--Dave reports that the Apiary is growing very well and is up to 6 hives and/or nucs and they are looking to split 6 by spring with 2 new queens, making good on our plan to help new beekeepers with the mentor classes. They opened all hives and they all look very healthy. Luke reports that the AG Ctr got a grant for plants and fruit trees to be planted near the apiary and help with expansion..

--Jean Watson asked if the association can purchase a large amount of honey bottles at a reduced rate to resell to members at a reduced rate vs them purchasing their bottles individually. This will be taken up at the next Ex Council Meeting.

8:30PM Meeting Adjourned. NOV 16 at 10 AM anyone welcome to pour honey from the Ag Ctr Far City Luncheon pls bring a bucket and or spicket. Next month's Fellowship dinner at PM DEC 11 and mentor meeting DEC 9 we are expanding the Apiary. DEC will be the Mentor Trainer Class at the Ag Ctr TBA: Tom Glisson, Ralph White, Dave Sieruta, Rick and Dori Kline, Huey Froquet and Louie Ivey. Master Trainer Ray Vickerman.

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