

*CCBA Meeting Minutes NOV 9, 2026 Present 41, Zoom 3, Mentor Mtg 15

*Numbers of Executive Steering Committee

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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.

Calendar:
--DEC 6, OP Mkt, 10-3
--DEC 12, CCBA mentor Mtg, 10-12
--DEC 14, CCBA Christmas Potluck 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
--FEB 7, OP Mkt 10-3
--FEB 8, CCBA Meeting 7-9
--FEB 13, CCBA Mentor Meeting 10-12
--FEB 20 Possible for Beginner Bee Course
--MAR 7 Orange Park Mkt
--MAR 8 CCBA Meeting 7-9
--MAR 13 Mentor Meeting 10-12

Old Business: --Our CCBA Association Caps are $15available 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 colorGolf-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. (16) Mentors currently: Libby & Mike McCalley (Orange Park & Fleming Island), Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Joe Dobransky (Orange Park), Susan & Bob Welch (Green Cove Springs), Ken Harp & Barbara Perkins (Key Stone), Jurgen & Sylvia May (Polk City), Rick & Dorie Kline (Middleburg), Jeff Campbell, Middleburg), Eric Bush (Middleburg), Mike Saftner (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 in2022. *****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
--7:10 Secretary" E" minutes accepted.
-- Treasurer Report: $24,558.89 approved.
--President Report:

--Feed your bees now nectar and pollen are decreasing

--Thank you to Eric, Ric, Kelly, April and Courtney for their help at Fall Festival

--Thanks, you to Eric, Courtney and Lisa for their help at the Clay County First Responders Health Fair. We also sold $180 bottles of honey.

--Apiary Report: 4 Langstroth hives, 15 NUCS and 1 Top Bar (without bees). The Temps this coming Sat will not be conducive for opening the hives so we will have a Q&A.
--Blooming: Spanish Thistle, Mexican Sunflowers, Black-eyed Susies.
--Mentor Committee Report there were 14 at last meeting
--Membership Chair: dues due now until Jan.
--Lisa Lowe Presented a Thank-You Note to Susan Welch for her Candle Making Class of 8.

7:15 Jason Gill from Kingsley Chiropractic Clinic is here to measure and examine anyone having back pain. Explaining how chiropractic treatment helps adjust the spinal column to relieve pain and restore functions. The are a Philanthropic business that has $40 initial fee for exam, X-rays and treatment. They use a Holistic approach to pain.

7:30 Dorie Kline is our presenter tonight on “Products from the Hive” pls see Video on our Website under Library-videos.

--Bees produce Propulous, honey and wax. Honey is made in the Honey Stomach and is from nectar mixed with the bee’s enzymes. People have known about these properties since at least 3500BC in Egypt, 594 BC in Greece and in caves from 8000 BC.

--Honey color is from the nectar from the flowers used. It is collected from crush-strain, centrifuge method. Can be used for burns, stomach issues, it has antibiotics, antioxidants and anti-inflammatory properties.

--Pollen is acted upon by bee enzymes and is a primary source of fat and proteins for bees. Bee Bread is composed of 250 substances.

--Bee Pollen is antifungal, antimicrobial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer and anti-allergic properties. Keep it dry or it will mold.

-A Government report recommends it for treatment in acute and chronic inflammatory conditions and recovery periods after surgery.

--Bee Bread is more potent than pollen.

--Royal Jelly is from the hypopharyngeal glad of the Nurse Bees and fed to all Larva it has185 chemical compounds.

--Propulous is a glue from sap and some buds. Intense immune properties and used for would care, embalming, treating sores and is a fever reducer. Dissolved in Vinegar, Ethel Alcohol or Ever Clear to treat topical sores or ingested.

--Bee Venom has Peptides and is used as a treatment for some Cancers and Arthritis.

--Bees Wax: is dripless, smells like honey, and does not smoke, used in cosmetics.

8:20 Old Business:

--DEC Meeting Election of Officers, submit your name to Sue G. at the Potluck dinner.

--Plan to replace 8 panels of the Apiary Fencing 2027…..VOTE APPROVED

8:30 Raffle

8:50 Adjourned; Mentors available for questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary