*CCBA Meeting Minutes OCT 12, 2026 Present 41, Zoom 8, Mentor Mtg 14

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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.

BUSY TIME OF YEAR:
--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
--FEB 7, OP Mkt 10-3
--FEB 8, CCBA Meeting 7-9
--FEB 13, CCBA 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 shirtsS-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),

--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 and Kelly Mc Daniel new member in ST Johns also Cris and Kelly volunteered to Mentor her.
--7:10 Secretary" E" minutes accepted.
-- Treasurer Report: $24,362.04 approved. We have spent $4000 this year.
--President Report:

--The Fall Honey Flow has begun.

--Feed your bees now and provide water

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

--May start to lose hives this time of year due to Mites, and reduced laying of eggs. Decrease hive entrances to protect against robbing.

--If you see pollen coming in your hives there is no need to open them and upset the bees more than 14 days or more.

--Great comments from the students at the Beginner Bee Course with 30 attendees and 6 new members signed up.

--Dave has 50 pkgs of bees reserved for March, there will be a signup sheet first for New Mbrs without bees for Mbrs who have lost their bees and then a lottery for mbrs if there are pkgs left. The CCBA will also be selling NUCS for $80.

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

--What's Blooming: Pagodas, Spanish Thistle, Goldenrod, Sweet Almond, Bottle Brush.

--Mentor Report: We had14 Members this month with Q&A.

--Membership Coor: Susan Reports dues for 2027 are accepted now. And new Members payments will count at 2027 dues.

7:30 (see Video in the CCBA library)

Rob Horsburg is our speaker tonight on Beekeeping #102: Apiary Inspection. Rob has inspected the Clay County Beekeepers for 15 years and is now protecting wild native birds with his business Avian Preservation and Conservancy, a Non-Profet business working to Breed endangered species along with his Apiary for 68-100 hives. AVIANPRC.ARC. R.horsburgh6@gmail.com Bees & Honey Strachen Apiary raise New World Carolian bees in Yuba City, CA.

--INSPWECTION: He began Beekeeping as a child with his uncle and used practical observation of his apiary. He just wanders and observes his hives; are the bees active, any dead bees or bees on the ground, are the bees bringing in Pollen (meaning there is brood to be fed), note if there is liquid or ooze coming from the hive or yellow streaking, or any robbing behavior. Discourage robbing by cleaning your super or equipment away from your hives.

--INSPECTION: Ae there many bees inside the hive, are they clustered around the brood or are there low numbers and are they scattered, count the #frames with bees, look for eggs and larva to know there is a laying queen, a healthy hive will have white larva with royal jelly, is there any Yellow-brown larva (snot larva), do any bees have deformed wings.

--SPRING FEEDING: Strong hives make more honey. Put on honey supers when 8-10 frames are full of bees, supers can make 40-6 # of honey.

--Treat for Mites after supers come off in JULY/AUG. You can lose 40% of your hive over winter.

8:20 OLD Business: none

8:33 NEW BUSINESS:

--Sue G. noted the Sherrif's Health Fair is asking for our help again this year OCT 29 at the Thrasher Horn Ctr., we will sell honey. Volunteers pls see Sue G to help 4-7PM. Volunteer Sheet passed.

--DISCUSSION to keep the ZOOM part of our meeting, begun during COVID and used now for members who cannot make it to the meeting. Cost is $167/year and we usually have 1-2 people attending. Tonight there were 8 attending so this is tabled till JAN at budget meeting.

--Illness Notice: Cindy Blackwell fell and broke her hip; she had had surgery and is recovering.

Burt Field from Sea Mark Ranch lost his wife this month.

--Arlen demonstrated a variety of hives.

8:24 Raffle

8:50 Adjourned; Mentors available for questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary