



## CCBA Meeting Minutes OCT 9, 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. Ray Zerba (meeting speakers). Note we are on Face Book [at Clay County Beekeepers Association, Ralph W. Organizer](#) and website <http://claybees.com> (final name) [Frank Gianino, WEB Organizer](#).

**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 you can go [to UF Honey Bee Lab www/UF Honeybee.com or Beekeeper Lab.org.](#)

**\*\*Dave Sieruta:** [Phone 904-282-2193 to volunteer for Apiary duty.](#)

**Old Business:** Our CCBA Association Caps are on sale for \$15, and you can get our logo on a shirt of your choice for \$10 or re-label an old NEFLHBA shirt for \$6. 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 or Vanessa 352-514-9927. +++Mentor Booklets given to Ralph Vickerman our new Mentor Trainer with date and time to be announced for the Mentor Training.

**OLD:** 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](#)

++No Mentor Meeting for Oct 14; GO to Ag Ctr for Master Gardeners Plant sale. many Bee Friendly plants available

++REMINDER TO ALL: Next meeting NOV 13. 7 pm. it is time to nominate members for the EX Steering Council: Pres, VP. Secretary, Treasure

++The Orange Park Fall Festival scheduled for OCT 21 and 22 at the Town Center

++The Green Cove Corn Maze is slated to be each Fri/Sat in Oct <http://agcropmaze.com/> we will set up a table for Honeybee Info on Saturdays only from 10-3 ishPM if anyone is interested pls let us know so we can help get supplies to you or call Cal who has done this for several years now.

++ the Executive Board will meet Nov 1 at 7 PM at the Extension Conf Room.

7:05 PM Meeting Opened by V/P Ralph White, Tom is under the weather tonight--wishing a speedy recovery.

Welcomed 2 new members. Announced the Doug Walker has some Bee equipment, foundations, supers for sale call Ralph for any info. [DUES are now being accepted for 2018 season payable to CCBA through Ray Vickerman.](#)

--Secretary mailed out last months minutes, accepted with one correction Hurricane Harvey should be H. Irma.

Fran Fowler is collecting Pop tops from cans for the Disabled Veterans care animals.

--Treasurer reported \$6608.17, accepted as read.

7:10 Luke Harlow our Ag Center Rep spoke on Pollinators and Pesticides esp Mosquito Control efforts. He started his talk thanking all the volunteers who helped with the Beginner Bee Class and with the cleanup efforts assistance with the Apiary. Nalid is the chemical most common for spraying Mosquitoes in several counties. Clay County was

not sprayed with the many, MANY calls to the county phone lines. There are 6 different Neonicotinoids that are used in pest control and they are generally less harmful than previous insecticides. They are used in landscaping, pet care (fleas/ticks) and ornamentals etc. For plants are low hazard and systemic so they move throughout the plant but they are not to be used during fruit bearing cycles. The problems with Neonicotinoids began in 2013 with over spraying, spraying at the wrong time of day and the wrong blooming season which affected the Bumble Bees and Honeybees. It still is found in honey and pollen but minute amounts. Too much of the insecticides will cause agitation, memory loss, and decision making in the hive. Even subtle doses affect the queen bees causing under development. As much as there are studies showing the side effects of the poison there are conflicting reports of no harm to the bees. Pollen studies found in Apivar are found in pollen. Researches still blame most of the issues with Honeybees to the Mites and bee decline is still happening. There are EPA warnings on all pesticides for their safe use and how to apply it correctly. Another method is not to use the same plants all the time around the hives, vary the plants so that if the insecticide is very systemic in certain plants it may be less so in other varieties. If you use insecticides for your yard it is best to use granular or liquid sprays but not dust (dust can be tracked by the bee to the hive). Nalid fog is very harmful to bees but it does have a short half life if used properly and beware of open water sources with spraying. Bee dounuts or dunks are not harmful to bees they are a bacteria that destroys mosquito larva. To help protect your hive from the sprays you can dampen a towel and place over your hive entrance while the spray/fog is in the air. To note Bat Houses are also very useful for insect removal but the bats are usually night eaters and mosquitoes are out in the dawn and dusk hours.

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. Luke reports that the AG Ctr got a grant for plants and fruit trees to be planted near the apiary and help with expansion..

8:30PM Meeting Adjourned. Next months speaker Ray Claxton: Innovative Ways to Teach Children about Honeybees. Remember dues and nominees for elections. Next Meeting NOV 13, Next Mentor Meeting NOV 11.

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*