



CCBA Meeting Minutes APR 11, 2022

50 Present//7 on Zoom// Mentor mtg mbrs

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ZOOM meeting tonight. Complications occurred again pls see the video on our website.

DATES to KNOW:

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2022 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.

-- **Mentor Meeting APR 16 at 10AM one week later due to the Clay County Fair.** Plant Sale also.

-- MAY 1, Orange Park Mkt 10-3PM

-- MAY 9 CCBA Monthly Meeting 7 PM

-- MAY 14 CCBA Mentor Meeting 10AM

-- **OCT 8,** 8:00- 4 PM N.E.FL. A. Beekeepers Symposium

-- **JAN 4-8** 2023 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & trade show, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL

-- **MAR 17-16** 2023 UF Bee College Gainesville, FL

-- Pending for 2022 Spring: Farm Bureau Farmers Market at Farm Bureau on Henley Rd 8-12Pm \$5 per table Honey/Wax/etc. can be sold here. You can purchase your own table. The CCBA will have an Information table set up. This is a new venue for any member. Cross Middleton, with the Farm Bureau, #904 657 6704 for questions. It will be the 3rd Sat each month.

Old Business:-- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 available at check in. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$10 (see Sue G. or Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall). John Boeckstiegel has ash & yellow color Golf-shirts with logo: S-LG \$11, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$12, XXL \$14.

-- Our CCBA Honey for sale to members \$5/ 16 oz jar, \$8/ 24 oz jar.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman or Dave Sieruta. Mentors currently are Huey Forquet (Orange Park and Baker County), Rick and Dorie Kline and Ralph White (Middleburg),

John Riley & Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Ray Vickerman (Green Cove Springs) Bob McKenney (Orange Park), Joe Geisel (ST Augustine) and Ken Harp (Keystone Heights).

--Rick Kline noted a lot of the tools and displays in the Honey House are missing over the years ANYONE wishing to donate old equipment, hive tools, information, pictures bring it in.

--Swarm collection; let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone on the Website. Currently we have Dave Sieruta 904-466-3613, John Boeckstiegel 904-673-8480 & Cross Middleton 904-657-6704, Ralph White 352-514-9927, Dorie and Rick Kline 904-571-3070, Bob McKenney 904-891-5758

*****Beekeepers MUST Re-Register your hives with Mosquito Control Board (904) 284-6957, 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 this year from Sean Black. *****

7:05 PM Dave opened the meeting we had 5 new members; Don Comer II, Harry and Jessie Frost, Ronda McCarley, Suzanne Silk and 2 Guests. ...we did zoom tonight but lost the zoom after our speaker Cameron Jack started his presentation. But the Speaker was recorded and is on the website: Up Date on the Use of Oxalic Acid.

-- Secretary: Minutes for MAR approved.

-- Treasurers Report \$10,343.72, after the honey & raffle sales at the Clay County Fair. Report accepted and Approved. Honey sales were \$3389.97 and Raffle sales \$1648.

--Presidents Report: 23 Bee Packages will be picked up APR 15 and should be ready for pick 5PM at Dave's house by 3:00 PM (2686 Henley Rd). Please make payment before 4/15.

--Many Thanks to all who helped bottle honey and help at the Clay County Fair. Our profit was \$4982.97. Total intake plus memberships was \$7900. We sold all of the Wild Flower honey, we only have 48 Orange Blossom Lg, 48 small and 4 small GallBerry left. Next year we will increase our Wild Flower to 2/5Gal buckets and decrease out OB by 1 Gal. Dave will sell the left over bottles and caps to members at cost (24 oz with caps \$0.80 and 16 oz \$0.70.)

--Hive Management: Keep monitoring for Small Hive Beetles (SHB), Next month our speaker from UF will talk on the best treatments for Hive Beetles. It is swarm season monitor your hives!

-- Apiary Report: 6 (10) Frame Hives with 2 double bottoms and 22 NUCS, 17 with castles all doing fine. The price for a NUC has gone up to \$60 this year to account for the cost of sugar. Check your hives for Drone cells.

-- What's Blooming: Blackberry, Blue Berry Dutch Clover, Citrus trees in bloom, wild flowers, Gallberry will start soon. Peak nectar season starting.

7:20 Raffle Winners: the Hive was Rosemary Henry & the Basket was Ashley Bellflower. CONGRATS

-- Membership Coordinator and Honey House Superintendent: Susan Welch; Big Thanks to all who participated in the Fair, as of tonight we have well over 250 members and that will increase our mentors and volunteers!

7:30 Special speaker Ted Clark is the Chair for the Clay Soil and Water Conservation to explain the special #1078 Bill that was submitted by a State Senator who is also a Land Developer. In order for a member to run for a position on this board you must now be a farmer for at least 10 years. If passed it will eliminate the current board. Please write Gov DeSantis to veto this Bill.

7:40 Cameron Jack, associate Professor at UF Honeybee Research presents on Uses of Oxalic Acid for Mite Control. He is the Distance Education Coordinator for Entomology. A Mite enters the Cell just before it is capped where it attaches to the larva. Once the cell is capped the Mite attaches to the larva and lays her eggs, always 1 male with the female eggs so the females are mated at the time the larva hatches and they can start the chain again. He suggests you monitor your hives at least 6 times/year and treat if needed. Oxalic Acid can be Trickled down over the bees, it can be vaporized into the hive or Fogged. He noted that the 1 GM that is the current legal limit does not work, his research found that 2 & 4 GMs does and UF is working on getting the new doses approved.

Treating every 5-7 days caused a drastic mite decrease Vapor and Dribble had the best results. You do not need to remove your supper to apply BUT you must use the correct Respirator for protection, it is toxic if inhaled by humans. SEE VIDEO for his complete talk.

8:30 no Old Business, no New Business.

8:37 Raffle

8:40 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary