



CCBA Meeting Minutes AUG 12, 2024

Present 51, Zoom 01, Mentor Mtg 23

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DATES to KNOW:

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2025 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail.

-- **AUG 18, Sunday Jacksonville Honeybee Festival;** Volunteers needed/ JAX Fairgrounds 10-4

-- SEP 9, CCBA Meeting 7PM; Julia St Amant, UF Research Student “Ameba in Bees”

-- SEP 14 CCBA Mentor Class **9AM. OCT starts 10AM**

-- **SEP 28 Beginner Bee Course 8AM-3:30,** volunteers requested

-- OCT 6, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- OCT12 CCBA Mentor Class **10AM**

-- OCT 14 CCBA meeting 7PM: Cameron Jack UF PhD

-- **OCT 19-20 Orange Park Fall Festival** 10-5PM Volunteers requested.

Old Business: -- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 available at check in. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$13 Price increase (see Sue G. or Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall). John Boeckstiegel has ash & yellow color Golf-shirts with silk screen logo: S-LG \$11, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$12, XXL \$14.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman & Dave Sieruta. (17) Mentors currently: Huey Fourquet (Orange Park & Baker County), Libby & Mike McCalley (Orange Park & Fleming Island), Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Joe Dobransky (Orange Park), Ray Vickerman, Lani Rouw, Susa & Bob Welch (Green Cove Springs), Ken Harp & Barbara Perkins (Key Stone), Jurgen & Sylvia May (Polk City), Rick & Dorie Kline (Middleburg), Amy & Jeff Campbell (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.

*****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 in 2022. *****Please Re Register.

-- 7:15 Dave opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 3 Guests

--7:18 Secretary "E" minutes approved.

--Treasurer report \$24,014.18 approved. 2 tickets for the Beginner Bee Class tonight. -- The Raffle for JUL, AUG & SEP will pay for 2 members ea. month to attend the Beginner Bee Class in Sept.

--In March we will have 6 tickets for the Bee College to raffle off at the JAN, FEB & MAR meetings.

--Presidents Report: We sold 5 NUCS at the Mentor Meeting \$80 ea., (\$400)

--Hive Management keep control of SHB and Mites, now is the month to treat Mites.

--We are in Summer Dearth. FEED your bees and if they are getting irritable/defensive use your sugar water spray to calm them down. Thunderstorms and Queenless hives can contribute to defensive behavior.

--If you are looking for Queens: Santa Fe Queens in High Springs FL and Hives and More in Switzerland, FL

--You can still do splits and raise Queens but be sure you have plenty of Drones. AND note this is the buildup of Dragon Flies and they prey on honeybees esp queens.

--Put Swarm Traps out for the end of Summer Swarms—Now is the time to think 6 months out and get ready for Winter and plan for next Spring.

--APIARY we have 6 Langstroth hives, 26 NUCS and we lost our 1 Top Bar hive.

--What's Blooming: Asters, Bottle Brush, Mexican Sun Flowers. Feed your bees; flowers and plants have a lot of pollen now but not much nectar.

--Membership Report: 214 members to date.

--Mentor Report; last Mentor Class hosted 35.

SEE OUR WEBSITE; CLAYBEES.COM FOR THE VIDEO.

--7:30 Our Speaker Susan Welch on Candle Making: Capping's to Candles. There are many sources of wax; Susan prefers wax from the cappings only to give a cleaner wax and you can buy wax or order wax pellets from Thomas Honey that make regular trips to Fleming Is and Orange Park.

--Use a double boiler to simmer your wax and in ½ inch of water. It can't boil or it can catch fire. Keep the temp between 155 and 175 degrees for the best tempering for candles.

--Use cheesecloth or coffee filters to pour your wax through and leave it for a few hours to cool then remove the cheesecloth. What is left in the pot is called "Slum Gum". This can be used for startling fire, lip balm, furniture polish and hand lotion. They can be poured into the toilet paper cardboard, left to harden and used to rub on your foundations.

--Use the square braided wick, it handles heat better

--Magazines for candle ideas: Mann Lake Ltd.com/ Better Bee.com/ Temu.com/ Blueridge Honey Company. ---There is an article in Mann Lake on how to use leftover wax.

--Be sure to practice a few times before making your give-away candles. If you plan to sell your candles, be sure you complete the proper paperwork, they are not part of the Cottage Industry. You must have warning labels, and a license, etc.

--Things to have on hand; scissors, parchment paper to protect surfaces, meat thermometer, wooden spoon, needles, wicks, pitcher for pouring melted wax and your molds.

--8:15 Volunteers list passed for Sunday at the Honeybee Fest: Sue Gianino, Ken Harp, Richard and Sharon Robinson, Lisa Macke, Dana and James Bumpas. Susan Welch for the 4-H site.

--Dave brought up the concept of paying dues in Oct with credit cards with the Clover device vs check or cash. Members will decide if this is helpful in order to order the device.

--8:20 Raffle: Beginner Bee Class Winners; Dima Haobsh and Kristine Myers.

--8:40 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary