



CCBA Meeting Minutes AUG 14, 2023

Present 44 , Mentor Meeting 19, Zoom 3

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*Christine Nicolodi/ Gary Van Barringer: **Refreshment Coordinators.**

DATES to KNOW:

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2023 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail.

-- **AUG 19, Honeybee Festival at the Jacksonville Fair Grounds** AUG 19. 10-4 PM volunteers needed

-- SEP 3, Orange Park Market Resumes 10-3PM

---SEP 9, CCBA Mentor **Meeting 9 AM TILL OCT then 10-12** (meet at the Apiary first)

-- SEP 11, CCBA Member Meeting 7PM

-- **SEP 16 NE FL Honeybee Symposium 8AM at the AG Center** EVENTBRITE ck Web Site to enroll

-- **SEP 23, Beginner Bee Course 8:30-3PM Volunteers needed**

-- OCT 1, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- OCT 14, Penny Farms Farmers Mkt 10-4

-- OCT 12-14 FL State Beekeeper Annual Convention in Orange County, Hotel Available.

-- OCT 21-22, Orange Park Fall Festival.10-5

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 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. Mentors currently: Huey Fourquet (Orange Park & Baker County), Libby/Mike McCalley (Orange Park & Fleming Island), John Riley & Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Joe Dobransky (Orange Park), John Riley (OP/Lakeside), Ray Vickerman (Green Cove Springs), Lani Rouw (GCS), Susan/ Bob Welch (GCS),

Joe Geisel (ST Augustine), 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.

We sold out of our honey at the CC Fair this year.

*****Beekeepers MUST Re-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 CORRECTED PHONE NUMBER LISTED

--7:05 Dave opened the meeting and welcomed 1 new member Fred Getspar from Key Stone with 4 hives. And our guest, Stanley from Middleburg.

--Secretary E-Minutes accepted emailed

--Treasurer \$19,754.11 approved

7:20 Guest Speaker; Marley E. Iredale, DVM, DACVP speaking on "Gut Pathogens of Honeybees".

--First understand the honeybee gut: their Microbiome needs probiotics, similar to humans & animals.

--Diseases of Honeybees:

Bacterial: foul Brood (North American and European). Spreads by sharing equipment.... clean equipment with bleach.

Protozoa: Amoeba—worldwide distribution with has a major component of Nosema.

Gregarines: is big in Bumble Bees

Triponsome: found in Honeybees.

--Nosema is not that significant in FL. It spreads from sharing water, nectar, and honey. Notable streaking of Feces on the front of the hive. The Bees are very clean and will hold defecation if constrained i.e., like winter or heavy rains. They can develop "K" wing and a decreased lifespan. 1 million spores/bee is considered Nosema. Supplementing proteins may help without the use of Fumagillin medications (that must be ordered by a veterinarian).

John Boeckstiegel noted that Nosema was found during the demo at the Jax Bee Club. The beekeeper super fed his bees with sugar water and his Colony has come back. During our Demo of 5 Colonies looked at 5. 3 were negative and 2 were positive. Dr Iredale suggested super feeding and

Dave suggested our Brood Booster which contains Tea Tree then checking to see of the Colony perks up. Our website has the recipe.

--Questions: to Dr Marley. Iredale@UFL.edu

--President's Report.

Monitor for SHB and Mites and treat as needed. 3/100 mites is a 30% infestation-TREAT. You can use Powder Sugar or alcohol wash or Dawn wash.

Still OK to split but it would be better to buy a queen vs rearing your own due to an increase in Dragonflies this time of year. Splits also help reduce mite and SHB populations with splits.

Swarms are still possible check your Swarm Traps and feed your swarms and NUCS till Sep

---Apiary Report: 2 Langstroth hives, 15 NUCS and 1 Top Bar Hive

--What's Blooming: Elderberry, Joint Weed, Spanish Thistle, Ligustrum, Mexican Sunflower, Pagoda, Sweet Almond, Sable Palm and Asters.

8:23-- Membership Chair: 200 members

--Mentor Report: 20 folks at Sat meeting, we did not go outside due to the heat.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Beginner Beekeepers Course Sept 13 and Dave proposed that we are supporting 6 new beekeepers with 2 tickets tonight and 2 in SEP during the Raffle.

-- Symposium is SEP16, **MOTION to sponsor 4 Members (2 tonight and 2 in Sep) during the raffle**

APPROVED

DURING the Symposium we will have **another Honey Judging**, honey judging suggestions and video are on the Website, and it takes about 1 month to prepare your jars. This time only 3 types; light, amber and dark honey, no Black Bag. You can enter 3 jars one per type.

--Volunteers for the Honeybee Fest at JAX Fairgrounds check in at 8:00 parking lot H.

--Our 16 NUCS for sale will be held until the Spring and the folks who had a lottery ticket will be first on the new list for their NUC.

-- Speaker for Sept Dave Sieruta on Mite Treatments

8:20 Raffle:

8:30 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary

*** Beginner Bee Class: John Harvey/ or sister, Angela Sheppard

*** Symposium: Eric Bush, Lani Rouw