



CCBA Meeting Minutes AUG 9, 2021

with VIRTUAL meeting

* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee:

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*Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.**

ZOOM meeting tonight 5 members present with 34 present at Godbold Bld @ Ag Ext Site.

DATES to KNOW:

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2021 DUES DUE** every OCT – DEC. Renewal sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.

-- Orange Park Mall Sunday Markets are closed until SEPT 5.

-- AUG 14, Mentor Meeting 9 AM (from JUN to SEP) (10 AM from Oct to MAY

-- AUG 16-17 and on 20-21 UF **Bee College** (Assoc raffled 2 tickets for AUG 20-21)

-- SEPT 5, Orange Park Mall

-- SEPT 11, CCBA Mentor Meeting 9AM at Godbold Blg **WEAR LONG PANTS**

-- SEPT 13, Business Meeting; **Speaker Ray Vickerman on Preparing Honey for Judging**

-- SEPT 18, **Beginner Bee Class**, 8:30-3:30 at Clay Extension Office \$30pp, \$50/couple. \$10 virtual <https://fallbeecourse2021.eventbrite.com> or contact Cassidy Dossin (904) 284-6355

-- SEPT 25, **2nd Annual NE Honeybee Symposium** \$30pp; 8-4pm: Dr Jamie Ellis Key Note Speaker, Dave Westervelt, Bo Sterk, Rob Horshburgh, Backyard Bee. The Caterer is reserved and **Ray Vickerman will conduct Extracted Honey judging (check claybees.com for honey judging rules and helpful hints).** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ne-fl-honey-bee-symposium-tickets-166537248393> or contact Dave Sieruta to register with cash or check. (904) 466-3613 or dtssie@aol.com

NOTE: our profits are donated to UF Bee Lab.

Old Business:-- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 see Ray. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$10 (see Sue G. at Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall). John Boeckstiegel has ash & yellow color Golf-shirts with new logo for S-LG \$12 for XL-XXXL \$15 and Tee shirts for \$12..

-- Our CCBA Honey for sale to members \$5 / small 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).

--The Lou Ivey Memorial will have the Plaque to be placed at the Mentor Meeting Sat AUG 14, weather permitting.

-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.

--Register your hives with Mosquito Control Board (904) 417-5884 or Check out Clay County Mosquito Control in the News at <https://www.firstcoastnews.com/article/news/local/clay-county-uses-aggressive-effort-on-mosquito-problem-after-finding-west-nile-virus/77-577095009> OR Call Jessie(904)284-6335 to give her your location and your hives location. Aerial spraying is not currently done in Clay County. **Frank has posted the Mosquito Control and Beekeepers info on the Web site.

7:05 PM Dave opened the meeting and welcomed 3 new members from Green Cove, St Johns, and Middleburg. 2 Guests from Clay and Keystone Hts. He explained the Mentor Program and that we will meet this SAT at 9AM pls wear long pants. Dave mentioned the Beginner Beekeeping Course Sept 18 for our new members.

-- Apiary Report: 6 Full Hives and 20 NUCS, splits planned for Sat Aug 14 weather permitting.

-- Secretary, there were no minutes for JULY in lieu of or Semi Annual Dinner.

-- Treasurers Report \$14,032.60. Master Gardeners Plant and Honey Sale \$340.

7:15 President's Report:

-- Hive management: monitor for Hive Beetles: and Mite populations, treat as needed. Beetle Grease seems effective against both Small Hive Beetles and Mites, the recipe is on Claybees.com , you can purchase our old honey for \$2 / 12oz to mix with Beetle Grease. Spearmint and Wintergreen oils repel both Mites and SHB. Our Honeybee Booster recipe is also on the web site. Be sure your hives

have good ventilation with this heat either screened bottom boards or vent the lid with toothpick etc. Your Bees will need water near by to help cool the hive.

7:25 What's Blooming: Black/White/Red Mangroves Coral Vine, Bottle Brush, Mexican Clover, Sumac and Spanish Needle which indicates the Fall nectar flow.

--Mentor Report: Ray noted we had 23 members present JULY

--Membership Coordinator we are up to 167 (new high) with 137 email members and if you are not receiving any emails from Susan please make sure she has your correct email and phone info.

7:33 Bo Sterk was our speaker tonight: President of St John's County Honeybee Assoc, Master Craftsman Beekeeper and Vice Pres of Bees Without Borders. He has his bee courses on line with UF. Working with bees for over 30 years here and throughout the Caribbean assisting the beekeepers; Haiti, Grand Bahama, Puerto Rico, Barbados, etc. He has printed his manual on Tropical Beekeeping and it has been translated into several Haitian languages. Haiti has approx. 13,000 Bee Colonies with 1800 Beekeepers. Currently he is trying to get the DNA samples of Caribbean bees to find their original origin (Spain or English).

See Web site for Video of his travels. BeesBeyondBorders.org, HoneybeeBox@ymail.com

-Bees Beyond Borders Courses upcoming on 1day of the month:

Dr Jeff Pettis, Apimondia President Wed, Sep 1, 2021 7:00 PM EDT (-04:00) \$5

Dr. Dewey Caron, "Reading the Hive" Hosts: Bo Sterk & David Westervelt Fri, Oct 1, 2021 7:00 PM EDT (-04:00) \$5

Dr. Mark Winston, Canadian Rock Star bee biologist and good human Mon, Nov 1, 2021 7:00 PM EDT (-04:00) \$5

NEW BUSINESS:

8:20 Motion from Christine to donate \$300 to Bees Without borders: **Vote APPROVED**

--Bring your NUCS to the Mentor Meeting Sat to obtain your NUCs weather permitting; Cost \$55.

--Dave noted it was voted on and approved that we expand the Apiary to ease teaching space for our students by 2 panels in length and 1 panel in width: The **Ag Center has approved** our expansion to be done in FALL time in cooler weather. Cost to CCBA approx. \$300.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--AUG Meeting Speaker; Ray Vickerman on Honey Judging. We can use only our plastic 24 oz bottles with lids and they can be purchased from Dave at \$0.70 ea (CCBA mbr price).

8:30 Raffle drawing.

8:47 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary

Honeybees, otherwise known as the Angels of Agriculture, are the strongest link in the chain between food producers

Bottom Broad: Clean Avg. Dirty									
COMMENTS: Date, Action Taken. What Blooming? Next Inspection Date? Action Needed?									