



CCBA Meeting Minutes AUG 8, 2022

35 Present/no Zoom tonight

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

ZOOM meeting on hold until Ag Center replaces the router.

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.

-- AUG 13, CCBA Mentor Meeting 9AM (SUMMER HOURS)

-- SEP 4 Starting Orange Park Farmers Mkt 10-3

-- SEP 10, CCBA Mentor Meeting 9AM (Summer Hours) it goes back to 10AM OCT 22

-- SEP 12, CCBA Business Meeting

-- SEP 24 Beginner Bee Class

-- OCT 8, 8:00- 4 PM N.E.FL. A. Beekeepers Symposium We host at the AG Ext Office

-- OCT 15-16 Orange Park Fall Festival, 10-5pm Volunteers always welcome.

-- OCT 22 Mentor Meeting 10AM

-- JAN 4-8, 2023, American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Trade show, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL (\$235 for Mbrs /\$295 Non-Mbrs and \$345 Family. It is \$60 to become a member.

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

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, \$10/ 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 (Middleburg), Libby and Mike McCalley (Orange Park and Fleming Island), 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), Barbara Perkins (Melrose).

--Swarm collection; let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone on the Website. Please check the Web site for Swarm Collection and Cut Out folks.

*****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 noted from Sean Black. *****

7:10 PM Dave opened the meeting welcoming new member Mike Preston

...We are not going to have zoom meetings; the Ag Center lost its router, and we cannot project without it or a Hot Spot. However, we will still be recording the meetings and speakers and Frank will have them on the web site for your pleasure.

-- Secretary: Minutes for JULY approved.

-- Treasurers Report \$18,388.60 accepted. Dave noted our Budget was for \$10,000/year but we will project now to be \$10,200.

--7:13 Presidents Report:

--Hive management: Beware of Small Hive Beetles, Treat with Beetle Grease (Recipe on the web site) and hives out in the full sun discourage SHB. The bees will fan the hive to circulate the air and cool the hive as needed.

--Remove your honey supers if you have not done so...this is the height of the Dearth, and the bees will not like your taking their honey. Be sure to substitute sugar water if needed.

--What's Blooming: Loquat, Black Eyed Susan, Match Heads, Crepe Myrtles

--Treat for Mites now, these are your Winter Bees and you do not want to Winter Mites.

Treat now (BE SURE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FOR COMERCIAL TREATMENTS and wear protective gear), Nov and JAN with Oxalic Acid 5-7 days for 3 Treatments, Mite Away Strips can be used with your super on. Other Strips remove the Super. Powder Sugar Treatments can be used year-round and do not harm the bees.

--Bees are still swarming, check your swarm traps and refresh them with Swarm Commander or Lemon Grass at the entrance and on one frame.

--You can still do splits in AUG, but it is best to use a Mated Queen vs letting the hive make their own. Dragon Flies are in abundance and may kill your queen when she goes to mate. Hives maybe starting to reduce the brood now also. Skip has mated Queens through Sept.

--APIARY: We have 5 Langstroth and 12 NUCS with 1 Top Bar Hive.

--Mentor Report: Last Mentor Meeting we just put Beetle Grease in the hives due to the extreme heat, 12 members helped.

--Membership Chair: We are at 180 members, please let Susan know if you have not been receiving emails: there may be technical issues with your name and numbers.

7:30—This month we will have Q&A and Show and Tell

--Carol Adams demonstrated fastening a spatula to a yard stick to help scrape out the honey from your extractor.

--Mark Lucitt noted that Hop Guard 3 has been out of stock for quite a while but Hives and More has some. He used 2 strips on the Middle Frames it doesn't expire, and you can leave your super on.

--A suggestion to put signs up about honey and bees in your apiaries or yard. **A contest will be set for DEC meeting John Boeckstiegel will make the signs (12x18") for free once a winner is found.

--Ray Vickerman demonstrated rendering was by pouring melted wax through a filter or cheese cloth into a mold and when hard remove the mold and scrape off impurities from the perfect wax on top.

--Susan Welch found a bee vacuum for any 5-GAL bucket vs using a shop vac. It is light and can be transported easily. Drill 3 holes into a lid of your bucket plug one with suction hose, another to suction the bees and the 3rd using tape to control the suction. By putting a screen over the bucket opening it will keep the bees from getting out when the lid is removed.

--Matt Pence 1) uses empty paint cans from the hardware store to put 1 gal of sugar water in and punching holes in the bottom to put on top of your hives vs quart jars. 2) He demonstrated lighting your smoker. Put loose pine straw in the bottom of your smoker, light that and when it is going well add more straw even twisting it to burn longer. It can even be damp straw to provide cool smoke.

--Mike McCalley demonstrated his solar wax Melter. Using a sloped metal pan inside with cheese cloth at the base to skim debris out of the wax. It comes out white vs yellow.

--Dorie Kline 1) uses a bulb syringe device to puff powder sugar into her hives for Mite control: Called IVATION BULB DUSTER INSECTICIDE SPRAYER, handheld 12" expandable applicator for Pesticides, non-toxic, ALL-NATURAL BUGS & PEST CONTROL <https://a.co/d/9gQo2LV>. 2) She uses a 6-piece Queen Catcher Pipe vs a Queen Cage to minimize damage to the queen: Plastic

Queen Catcher Pipe Bee Queen Catch Cage Beekeeping Equipment Professional Beekeeping Tool, Transparent <https://a.co/d/2s3HoUE..> 3) She also demonstrated Wedge Frames to use for foundationless hives. And monofilament to help with “Wonky” comb.

--Dave Sieruta demonstrated his extended swarm catcher using a cheap metal or plastic trash can on a pool extension pole.

8:40 NEW BUSINESS:

Dave brought from the Executive Committee meeting for vote to again use the Alvin Moore Fund to send 4 members to the Beginner Bee Course, we will draw 2 tonight and 2 next month. AND to send 2 members to the NEFL Symposium OCT 8. And there was a motion to send 2 members to the American Beekeepers Show in JAN. MOTION PASSED

- Dave also noted that Amy Vu requested help for the JAN 4-8 Show for the Kids Corner, if members wish to assist, they will be given free admission. When we find out how many volunteers are needed, we will ask.

8:45 Raffle; Mark Lucitt is the winner for the Beginner Bee Course

Next months speaker Diane, on Honey Judging

Beginner Bee Class 9/24 Check the web site for the EVENTBRITE link, \$30 for 1 and \$50 for 2.

8:55. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary