



CCBA Meeting Minutes JULY 11, 2022

29 Present//4 on Zoom//17 Mentor mtg

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**ZOOM meeting tonight.**

**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 6, Master Gardeners Plant Sale 7:30-12 at Ag Center: COME EARLY

-- AUG 8 CCBA Business meeting 7PM

-- 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)

-- 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.

--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, \$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), Barbara Perkins (Melrose).

--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, Dorie and Rick Kline 904-571-3070, Bob McKenney 904-891-5758, Mike and Libby McCalley.

\*\*\*\*\*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. \*\*\*\*\*

7:00 PM Dorie opened the meeting we had the President of the Nassau Beekeepers Assoc, Aaron Scholten, with us tonight. ...We did have zoom tonight. despite the loss of internet THANKS to, Matt and Frank for furnishing the hot link and keeping us online!

-- Secretary: Minutes for MAY approved.

-- Treasurers Report \$18,574.34 accepted.

--7:03 Amy Vu;( amy.Vu@UFI.Edu) our State Specialized Program Extension Agent—Apiary Honeybee Research and Extension Laboratory, Department of Entomology and Nematology University of FL. She is here tonight with Louie, her shadow student. (See entire video on website)  
Topic: Honeybee Research and Extension Laboratory

Amy has been at UF for 6.5 years and travels the state to meet all beekeepers. She puts out Two Bees in a Podcast with Dr Ellis and they have 400,000 listeners around the world.

The UF Honeybee Research and Extension Lab (HBREL) is a \$4.5 mil facility.

--There are 5,000 Registered Beekeepers with over 677,000 Colonies and Backyard Beekeepers have 33,759 Colonies in FL. There are 619,641 Colonies for Commercial Beekeepers. And in Clay and Duval we have 544 Beekeepers. In 2021 FL produced 8.8 million gallons of honey. Florida is the top 5 Beekeeping states next to CA, MI, Dakota and NY.

--Varroa and their viruses are the major reason for Honeybee decline. Nutrition is the other reason: Dr Ellis recommends one deep for brood with one medium box for nectar storage and then one super for your harvest.

If you have questions for UF you can funnel them through Cassidy Dossin ([cdossin@ufl.edu](mailto:cdossin@ufl.edu)) to the Honeybee Extension Education Team (HBEET). There are many honeybee courses thanks to Dr Cameron Jack: Master Beekeeper online, Beekeeper Short Course, Bee College (2day) revolves around Florida 2x per year. Two Bees in a Podcast where you can send in questions for Dr Ellis and Amy. Social Media, Face Book and Twitter are also used. UF has public tours once a month, email for dates and times.

8:10—Presidents Report: Dragon flies are dangerous to new queens esp. in the Summer. We are in the dearth now, if you haven't harvested your honey do it now..

--Hive Management: Keep monitoring for Small Hive Beetles (SHB). It is swarm season monitor your hives! Monitor and treat for SHB they go wild in the summer and for Varroa when you have 3 mites per 100 Bees. Feed your colonies if you notice lack of pollen and bees getting cranky. Monitor for split signs and be sure to feed new splits

8:20-- Apiary Report: 6 (10) Frame Hives and 20 NUCS.

-- What's Blooming: Elderberry, Dutch Clover, Citrus trees in bloom, wildflowers, Gallberry, White Mangrove, Gopher Apple, Spanish Needle and Titi..

--Mentor Committee; put Beetle Grease on all hives and due to heat that was all needed.

-- Membership Coordinator and Honey House Superintendent, please let Susan know of any changes to your information.

8:30 No Old Business

8:23 Raffle

8:40suggestions for AIUG. Meeting with no speaker it was to be a Q&A session and one idea is also Show and Tell for Recipes, equipment, honeys etc. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary