



*CCBA Meeting Minutes JUL 13, 2026

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

DATES to KNOW: BUSY MONTH UPCOMING

--Annual Dues \$15 pervoting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch).2026 DUES OCT – APR.Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail, can use VENMO or Credit/Debit card.

BUSY TIME OF YEAR:

-- Aug 8 CCBA Mentor Meeting 9-11

--AUG 10 CCBA Meeting 7-9PM

--AUG 15-16 BEE Fare at JAX Equestrian Ctr 9-4PM

--SEP 6 OP Market 10-3

--SEP 7 CCBA Meeting &-9 pm

--SEP 10 CCBA Mentor Meeting 9-11.

--SEP 26 Beginner Bee Class 8:30-3 Registration at Ag Ctr or on ClayBees.com

--OCT 4 OP Market 10-3

--OCT 10 CCBA Mentor Meeting **10-12 Fall times**

--OCT 12 CCBA Meeting 7-9

-- OCT 17-18 Orange Park Fall Festival 10-5 **volunteers needed**

--NOV 1 OP Market 10-3

--NOV 9 CCBA Meeting 7-9

--NOV 14 CCBA mentor Meeting 10-12

--DEC 6 OP Market 10-3

--DEC 12 CCBA Mentor Meeting 10-12

--**DEC 14 CCBA CHRISTMAS Party 7----**

--JAN 3 OP Market 10-3

--JAN 10 CCBA Mentor Meeting 10-12

-- JAN 11 CCBA Meeting 7-9

--JAN 30 Gold Head Yesterday Fest 9-4

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 \$14, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$11, XXL \$14.

--**Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman & Dave Sieruta. (19) Mentors currently: 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.**

-- 7:10 Dave opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 3 New members tonight.

--7:10 Secretary no meeting minutes for JUNE

-- Treasurer Report: \$26,676.25 **Approved**

--President Report:

Reports from the EX Committee: we will have 6 tickets to the Beginner Bee Class Sep 26 and 6 tickets to the UF Bee College in March starting 2 ea in NOV, JAN, FEB. Arlen is our new Apiary Asst, We checked out our extractors this year to 4 folks. We have approx 197 members now.

We are in a Dearth now so feed and make sure there is water for your bees, some leave their Fall honey for the bees vs collecting it.

Your honey should be harvested now.

Get Swarm Traps out.

Note your Bees are Bearding now with the high heat, they are not preparing to swarm.

--Apiary Report: 4 Langstroth, 16 NUCS with Castles. 1 Top Bar not in use.

--What's Blooming: Sweet Almond, Spanish Thistle, Black Eye Susie, Crêpe Myrtle.

--Mentor Report: Ray reports we had 20 Mentors.

--BEE FARE: this year Mike is here tonight noting that all the Bee Associations are going to be there at the Jacksonville Equestrian Complex on Normandy Blvd, now this year and we will be in the New Duval Hall. Contact Sue Gianino if you would like to participate AUG 15 & 16.

-- Membership Coordinator. Susan Repots thank you to all paid members

7:30 Speaker Arlen Bower presented "How to apply for "Agriculture TAX Exempt:" for your bees.

If you own Agriculture Property and have a TEAM Card anything you purchase is Tax Exempt with your TEAM card. You can register on the FACS.gov website for FL FARM TEAM. Primary Commodity Honey Production; Code: 12910 Operation Beekeeping. You can also register with Wal-Mart, Home Depot and Lowes. Check with Best Management Practices.

ALSO: Arlen presented a new hive concept from HILLGO, it is an insulated hive including inside feeder, entrance reducer and Oxilic port Approx \$330 . There are many styles and your wood NUCS and Supers will lock together, The sections lock to avoid blowing over in colors. SEE Video.

7:40 Dave was our speaker tonight and he spoke on the DEARTH. See U Tube on CCBA.com under Library Videos. Our Dearth usually runs from JUNE to SEPT when hives can recrudescence from 60,000 bees to 30,000 Due to decrease in pollen, honey and water sources. Robbing is that main threat from other bees, you can lose a hive in less that 48 hours. Step 1) reduce the entrance during the Dearth and close all openings, open it only when necessary, other bees will smell the honey.2) when the Supers are off now is the time to check your Mite count and treat.3) You can feed 2:1 sugar water to help sustain the hive. Store your Supers after freeing them to kill any pests with Para Moth. This is a U Tube presentation by Mia Holloway.

8:15 OLD Business: No Old Business

8:20 Raffle

8: 45 Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary