



CCBA Meeting Minutes JULY 14, 2025

Present 45, Zoom 3, Mentor Mtg 30

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

DATES to KNOW: BUSY MONTH UPCOMING

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2025 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail.

-- OP Market closed until September

-- AUG 9 Mentor Meeting 9:00 AM

-- AUG 11, Meeting 7PM

-- AUG 16, Honey Fest Jacksonville Fairgrounds 10-4; **10 Volunteers Found**

-- SEP 7, Orange Park Mkt starts new season 10-3

-- SEP 8, CCBA Meeting 7PM

-- SEP 13, CCBA Mentor Meeting 9-11 **Next Month we will start at 10AM**

-- SEP 27, Beginner Bee Class 8 AM-3:30 PM, **Volunteers welcome**

-- OCT 5, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- OCT11, **CCBA Mentor Meeting 10-12**

-- OCT 13, CCBA Meeting 7PM

-- OCT 18-19, Orange Park Festival 10-5PM **Volunteers welcome.**

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: Huey Fouquet (Orange Park & Baker County), 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). Eric Villeneuve, (Middleburg/Clay Hill).

--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 and 2 Guests tonight.

--7:15 Secretary "E" minutes approved.

-- Treasurer Report: \$26,600.16 accepted

-- President Report: Bees are still Swarming, check your traps

-- We are in a Dearth now so feed your bees until Fall Foliage starts

-- Keep Monitoring for Small Hive Beetles and Varroa Mites and treat. Mites are at peak levels.

-- Hives will decrease in size now because of decrease in pollen and nectar.

-- Honey should be extracted now, if not done. Feeding should be 1:1 Sugar water

-- If you do your splits now till next Spring, it is best to use Mated Queens vs having the hive make their own queens because of an increase in Drone Flies.

-- Apiary Report: 4 Langstroth, 29 NUCS between Apiary #1 & #2, 1 Top Bar not in use. Our Swarm Trap is collecting a swarm and will be checked this coming week.

-- What's Blooming: Crepe Myrtle (pollen, no nectar) Bottle Brush, Sweet Almond, Cabbage Palms

-- Mentor Report: Ray reports we have 15 Mentors. At our last Mentor Mtg we extracted honey with 2 extractors.

-- Membership Coord: Susan Reports we have 5 new members tonight making a total of 191 members.

7:30 Guest speaker tonight, Jason Gill, a Practice Representative from Kingsley Chiropractic Clinic. Speaking on the benefits of spinal adjustments and correct alignment. They offer a \$40 special offer including X-rays and therapy for a first-time visit. He stayed to evaluate several members backs with a computer program that notes the weak or painful areas. He has offered to return every quarter for evaluations if members would like.

7:45 Dave Sieruta was next and discussed the process of Winterizing your hives. Feeding your bees during the winter will help stimulate the Queen to begin laying esp. when the Red Maple trees begin to bloom Dec/Jan. It takes 6 weeks for a hive to build and grow. Plan ahead. Treat for SHB and

Varroa Mites. Dave notes he treats his hives for Varroa 4x/year Jan, April, July, Oct. with Oxalic Acid. is available in vapor and strips now. Whatever treatment you use be sure to read the directions, some can be used with Supers on, and others will contaminate your honey such as Apavar. Some Apiaries are noting that the bees may become immune to the Rx.

--If you make splits do so in JULY/Sep to have the hive healthy for Winter. If you do your split, it is recommended by Dave and others that you buy a Mated Queen for your split rather than waiting for the bees to make a queen. Dragon flies are plentiful in the Summer/Fall and many queens never return from their mating flight and it will get your hive growing sooner. Also, leave the Fall honey in the hive for the bees to overwinter.

****Remember: feed & Mite check.**

8:20: No Old Business

8:21: New Business

--Dave requested an increase for money for our Raffle equipment to \$100 vs \$50. **APPROVED**

-- Honey Fest will be held at the Jacksonville Fair Grounds AUG 16 from 10-5. Volunteers should contact Sue G. **TONIGHT** we have Ric Hopkins, Larry Durham, Larry & Phyllis Gillis, Steve & Debra Duke, Michael Preston, Lisa Make, Kelly & Chris Richards. **VOLUNTEERS**

--Fall Beginner Bee Class Sept 27, 8:00-3:30, volunteers welcome to assist with apiary, lunch and snack prep, hive discussions, questions. We will pay for 6 folks to go as raffle winners 2 ea. meeting.

RAFFLE WINNERS FOR BEGINNER BEE: Bob Patacca and Bonnie Bea.

--UF Bee College for 2026, we will pay for 6 members to attend. 2 each month Nov, Dec, JAN

8:30 Raffle

8:50 Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary