



CCBA Meeting Minutes MAR 14, 2022

51 Present//0 on Zoom// Mentor mtg 21 mbrs

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ZOOM meeting tonight.

DATES to KNOW: BUSY, BUSY MONTH AHEAD!

-- 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.

-- **MAR 19 Honey House Clean-Up 10-1AM at CC Fairgrounds**

-- **MAR 26 Honey Bottling for Clay County Fair 10AM at Susan Welch House, 1926 SR 16W**

-- **MAR 31- APR 10 Clay County Fair** Times to be posted, to volunteer contact Susan Welch.

-- ARR 3 Orange Prk Market

-- April 11, Meeting, Cameron Jack from UF will present updates on his study & treatment of Mites.

-- **Mentor Meeting APR 16 at 10AM one week later due to the Clay County Fair.** Plant Sale also.

-- **NEW for 2022 Spring:** Farm Bureau Farmers Market at Farm Bureau on Henley Rd 8-12Pm \$5 per table Honey/Wax/etc. can be sold here. You can purchase your own table. The CCBA will have an Information table set up. This is a new venue for any member. Cross Middleton, with the Farm Bureau, #904 657 6704 for questions. It will be the 3rd Sat each month.

Old Business:-- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 see Ray. 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 / small 16 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).

--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, Bob McKenney 904-891-5758

*******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.**

7:00 PM Dave opened the meeting we had 1 new members, Roger and Bitsy Whitworth and 3 Guests. Meeting outside tonight waiting for the key to the Building. We are sorry when we got into the room it was 45 minutes late...we did not zoom tonight. But the Speaker was recorded and is on the website. How to transfer Bees from pkg, swarm trap and NUC to hives/Rick Kline.

-- Secretary: Minutes for FEB approved.

-- Treasurers Report \$14,619.37, before honey purchases. Report accepted and Approved. We will be buying 14, 5 Gallon buckets of honey for this Clay County Fair.

--Bee Packages will be picked up in GA. MAR 17 and should be ready for pick up by 5PM at Dave's house (2686 Henley Rd).

--Two Thank You Letters read: Dr Ellis, Jennifer and Marley from UF thanked us for sending our \$250 donations to help with their research. And from Chris Oster from UF Honey Bee Research Lab.

--Hive Management: Keep monitoring for Small Hive Beetles (SHB), if you see them now they will expand exponentially when we warm up again---treat now. Take ½ cub of bees (100 bees) shake in powdered sugar and check for mites (3 mites/100 bees) time to treat.

-- Apiary Report: 5 (10) Frame Hives and 15 NUCS all doing fine feeding sugar water 1:1. We could not do splits at the Mentor Meeting due to weather. Hold for next Mentor Meeting APR 16. The price for a NUC has gone up to \$60 this year to account for the cost of sugar. Drone Cells are starting to emerge, watch for Swarm signs. Check your hives for Drone cells. Blackberry, Dutch Clover, Citrus trees in bloom now. Get rid of any Yellow Jasmine/ poisonous to Honeybees.

-- NUCS from Mann Lake charging \$205 for a NUC and Packages are \$172 for 3# if you pick up, if they ship \$220. We use Roberts Bees in GA, they pkgs are \$101 and Dave charges \$2 ea for gas. All 40 pkgs that we ordered are sold but if you want a pkg, Dave will talk to Julian Bao in Palatka the price TBD. Dadant will charge \$175 for a NUC, John Boeckstiegel will charge \$145/NUC. Barbara Perkins (904)437-9712 and Ray Vickerman (904)284-5317 will have NUCS for sale also.

--Dave attended the Bee College along with several members and pleased to announce that 4 members entered the Honey Judging, Tonya Warner had the Black Jar and Amber honey and won 2nd place, she learned how to clip queen wings and mark the queen. Gail Whitehead took 3rd place Lani Rouw : Carol Adams and Diane Spoden congrats on your medals! He heard Bert Fields' lecture that he will present to JAX Bees at their Monday meeting. The Lectures covered everything from Basic Honeybees to Africanized Bees, Love Bugs and Bacteria. Highly enjoyable and the first bee college in 2 years. There is another Bee College in **AUG in** Panama City.

*****Our NEFL Symposium will be OCT 8 with Dr Cameron Jack and other's**

7:35-- Membership Coordinator and Honey House Superintendent: Susan Welch; 2022 dues from now till APR, forms here tonight and on the web site. It is a fun event and if you would still like to volunteer please let Susan know.

7:55 Rick Kline presented tonight on Transferring your Package Bees, NUC or Swarm trap bees into a hive. Frank now has a recorded Presentation site on our Website, Claybees.com under "Library" you will see "Video Library." Once you have your bees leave them alone for at least a week to let them acclimate.

For package bees let them stay with their new queen at least 2 days before transferring. The queen is in a cage with a candy plug at one end that the bees will eat through and release her if a few days. Spray the bees with sugar water to help them settle and knock them into the hive/NUC after removing some frames. Replace the frames and attach the queen cage to the frame and cover the hive/NUC. One hive can take 2 packages of bees. Very Helpful to put a frame of brood in the hive/NUC to encourage the nurse bees to stay.

8:30 Awards given to Rick Kline and Frank Gianino

8:35 Raffle

8:45 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary