



CCBA Meeting Minutes MAY13, 2024

Present 57, Zoom 2, Mentor Mtg 34

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**DATES to KNOW:**

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\*: (pay Sue Welch). **2024 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail.

--Orange Park Market JUN 2, last market till Sept

--**JUN 17 at JAX Bees meeting Rob Horshburgh speaking on the YELLOW LWGGED HORNET**

-- **JUN 10, Semiannual Dinner** 7Pm, bring your favorite side, salad, desert we furnish meat/drinks

-- **JUN 15; Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 7:30 -12 at UF/IAFS Extension Clay County**

-- **JUN 22 Godbold Hall Mentor Mtg 10AM (Honey Extraction Class bring 5 Gal bucket and strainer)**

--JULY 8, CCBA Meeting 9 AM

-- JUL 13, CCBA Mentor Meeting **9AM**

-- **SEP 28 Beginner Bee Course 8AM-3:30**

**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 \$11, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$12, XXL \$14.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman & Dave Sieruta. (20) Mentors currently: Huey Fourquet (Orange Park & Baker County), Libby/Mike McCalley (Orange Park & Fleming Island), John Riley & Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Joe Dobransky (Orange Park), John Riley (OP/Lakeside), Ray Vickerman (Green Cove Springs), Lani Rouw (GCS), Susan/ Bob Welch (GCS), Joe Geisel (ST Augustine), 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 Re-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 CORRECTED PHONE NUMBER LISTED

-- 7:10 Dave opened the meeting, and we welcomed 2 new members. Chrystal from Duval and Kim from Flaming IS. Pledge of Allegiance.

7:15 Secretary E-Minutes accepted and approved.

--Treasurer: \$24,503.03.

-- Note next month JUNE10 will be our Semi-Annual dinner.

-- Presidents Report: We have 26 NUCS, 6 Deeps with 4 Supers and 1 Top Bar hive. We will probably sell 10 NUCS this month; because of the cost of sugar the cost will be \$80. A sign-up sheet was passed, should be for folks without bees, they must attend Beginner Bee Course (Next is Sept), sign up for a Mentor. NOTE: we cannot sell Queens, but we can make Queens available to members either as a Queen Cell or an UN-mated Queen.

-- Also noted that with the use of the Clover Credit Card Reader we made \$5,195.30 during the honey sales at the Clay County Fair. The total cost for the use of the Clover was \$167.54 leaving a profit of \$5027.76. and total profit for the CCF honey sale and Raffles were \$8,000.

7:20 --Hive management; it is the season for Mites and SHB to infest and grow, make splits.

-- What's Blooming; Ligustrums, Elderberry, Magnolia, Palmetto, Mexican Clover and Sunflowers, Formosa Trees and Gallberry blooming.

7:33 Mentor Report; April we saw 40 at the mentor meeting and May11 we had 34 and performed the OTS method of rearing queens.

--Membership: we have 195 mbrs now.

--Dave thanked Ric Hopkins, Susan and Bob Welch for their work at Black Creek ECO Fest.

7:40 Dave is our speaker with a Q and A session tonight.

--Nectar flow ends in June yes feed your bees during the Summer Dearth. Dave will leave his Fall honey for the bees over winter.

--Does hive population slow? YES, if the bees sense low nectar flow and they are not fed they will direct the Queen to slow production.

--Palmettos are blooming great this year.

- Does Barometric Pressure make a difference? Yes, sometimes when Queens are shipped by air it seems to affect their Seaman state and they do not do as well.
- You should register your bees after a 3-month observation time with the State.
- Treat with Oxalic Acid after you extract your honey around the end of June, Sept, Dec, and Feb. Mites appear like little brown/red spots on the bee.
- When mixing a weak hive with a stronger one use a good bit of smoke to change the pheromones or spray with spearmint oil to reduce fighting in the hive.
- Amitraz vs Oxalic Acid: Amitraz tends to have reduced effects over time. It is good to vary your Mite treatments each time to prevent this; Amitraz, Formic Acid, Oxalic Acid, Mite strips and Powder Sugar.
- Entrance Reducers can be smaller if you have a screen bottom hive but need to be larger for a solid bottom to allow air flow. The wider openings may encourage robbing.
- When you take the honey super frames out be sure you extract your honey that day, The wax will absorb water from the air and may cause crystallization early.
- To store your hive sections, use Trichlorobenzene crystals NOT Moth Balls with Naphtha.

8:20 Raffle

8:35 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary