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\*Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.**

ZOOM meeting tonight 6 members present with 22 present at JP Hall.

**DATES to KNOW:**

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\*: (pay Sue Welch). **2021 DUES DUE** every OCT –  
DEC. Renewal sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.

-- JUN 6, Orange Park Farmers Mkt 10-3

-- JUN 12, Mentor Meeting 10-12 at Extension Office Classroom/Parking Lot

-- JUN 14, Member Meeting 7PM place TBA

-- SEPT 18, Beginner Bee Class Place TBA

-- SEPT 25, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NE Honeybee Symposium: Dr Jamie Ellis Key Note Speaker,  
Dave Westervelt, Bo Sterk, Rob Horshburgh, Backyard Bee. The Caterer is reserved  
and Ray Vickerman will conduct Extracted Honey judging (check claybees.com for  
honey judging rules and helpful hints).

**Old Business:**-- Our CCBA Association **Caps are \$15** see Ray. Our logo embroidered on  
your Polo shirt \$10 (see Sue G. or available at Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall).

John Boeckstiegel has T-shirts with new logo for S-LG \$10 for XL-XXXL \$15.

**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).

--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.**

--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 and Ralph White 352-514-9927.

7:08 PM Dave opened the meeting and welcomed 4 new members 2 Guests.

-- Secretary, minutes for March meeting approved as emailed. We did not have an April meeting.

-- Treasurers Report \$14,136.71 approved as read. Dave noted that our yearly operating costs are \$8000 with costs for the Apiary sugar, UF Students \$500, dinner and gas fees to Presenters, Apiary repair & this year enlargement, zoom site upgrade, 4H, boys & Girls Clubs education/support, UF Bee Lab donations, education events and Farmers Mkts, Gold Head State Park and the OP Fall Festival.

7:15 President's Report: Thanks to all who helped with the Honey Pour, the CC Fair and the St John's Spring Festival: Honey sales total CCF \$5,931 and the raffle \$1169, the St Johns Spring Fest \$910 honey sales.

7:20 Hive management: Keep feeding your splits and NUCs with Sugar Water 1:1, Check for Swarm Cells, do a Mite count but only treat with powdered sugar if you have supers on. Chemicals can be absorbed into the honey.

--Apiary Report: There are 6 active hives and 7 NUCS with Supers and the bees are active. JUNE mentor Meeting we will do a Mite count. There is some questions that Oxalic Acid does no harm to honey—use at your discretion.

Dave noted that we had 10 NUCs. To qualify for the Lottery program you must see Ray V. for a Mentor & take the Beginner Bee Course. The next one is planned for Sept 18 at the Ag Ext Ctr both virtual and in person. The cost this year TBA.

7:23 Mentor Report: Ray noted we had 26 members present Sat and several folks picked up their NUCs. Splits were done. **Next Mentor Training set for JUN/JUL** see Ray if you are interested in being a Mentor esp. you have had your bees for at least 2 years.

\*\*Don't forget to register your hives with the state, site on the Web Page. The inspectors come and offer helpful hints and will inspect for American Foul Brood.

7:25 Membership Coordinator noted we have 145 members.

7:30 Dave is announced our speaker tonight Raising Queens is Julian Bao:

[www.LankoBeeFarm.com](http://www.LankoBeeFarm.com). Julian is from China and has an MS in Entomology and Biology and has been raising Bees since 2016 here in FL. He has over 600 hives and raises over 100 Queens per year. To sell Queens you must be registered and certified by the state. He currently has 200 mating hives for his Queens.

He put up a chart noting that unfertilized eggs are Drones and fertilized eggs become Workers and Queens. Workers are fed Royal Jelly for 2-3 days and then Bee Bread. Queens are fed Royal Jelly until her cup is sealed. Drones hatch in 24 days, Workers in 21 days and Queens in 16 days. There are 4 types of Queen Cells; Supersedure, Emergency, Swarm and Artificial. He starts raising Queens between March and June. If you split a hive it will take a Queen 1 month to grow, mate and begin laying eggs. If you use a queen cell she will take 15 days to hatch, mate and lay. If you use a mated queen she will take 5 days to begin laying. New Queens will take an orientation flight and can fly up to 10 miles and will start laying in 10 days of mating. Mr Bao does sell queens and queen cells.

8:00PM OLD BUSINESS:

--- **Lou Ivey Memorial**: 2 Bottle Brush trees were purchased. Dave has them and his house. Luckily he got them before the TX Nurseries were devastated and plant sales in FL are being sent to TX. One tree will go to the Apiary and the other will be planted at the Honey House. Bill Elrod will have an Old Florida plaque for the Honey House and

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Huey Forquet will make a tile plaque for the Apiary plaque. Once the trees are planted Dave will announce the Dedication date.

## NEW BUSINESS:

--The Ex-Committee met JAN 6 for the budget plan. The Budget for 2021 is updated to \$8701. We allotted \$600 for apiary costs/yr.

--Susan W. made a motion to replace 10 NUCs **APPROVED**:

--The Ex Comm discussed buying 5 Gal of our Members Wildflower Honey for the next CC Fair. This will augment the Gallberry and Orange Blossom honey we currently sell.

Matt Pence brought up motion to buy members Wildflower honey **APPROVED**:

--We have 6 hives in the Apiary that have supers, suggestion that this Wild flower honey will be used for the honey bottles for the next Beginner bee Class. **APPROVED**

--Rick K. noted a lot of the tools and displays in the Honey House are missing over the years and requests that **ANYONE who would like to donate old equipment, hive tools, information, pictures let him know.**

--Dorie motioned that we upgrade and expand our Zoom Acct for \$150/yr **APPROVED**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Sue G. noted there were 2 land owners who would like bees in their yard:

Blanche Nicholson (850) 830-3611 Orange Park

Lee Weintiraub (904) 327-6831

--Dave noted that we have a lot of the 24oz jars with caps for sale at \$0.70 ea for members. Call him

8:30 Raffle done.

8:35 Motion to adjourn.

Sue Gianino,

Secretary

*Honeybees, otherwise known as the Angels of Agriculture, are the strongest link in the chain between food producers*

Clay County Beekeepers Association



Membership Application

Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7PM.

Mentor meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10AM until 12 Noon.

All meetings are held at the Clay Co. Agricultural Extension Office.

2463 State Road 16 W, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, (904) 284-6355.

Our mission is the development and promotion of practical beekeeping methods and to act as an educational resource to the community and the general public.

Membership dues are \$15 per year per voting member.

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Make Checks Payable to: Clay County Beekeepers Association

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