



CCBA Meeting Minutes NOV 9, 2023

Present 47 , Mentor Meeting 23, Zoom 1

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

DATES to KNOW:

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

-- DEC 3 Orange Park Farmers Market 10-3pm

-- DEC 9 CCBA Mentor meeting 10-12

-- DEC 11, CCBA Business Meeting 7pm

—**JAN 27, 2024, Yesterday Festival Gold Head Park** (Keystone) volunteers needed!

-- FEB 17, Clay Extension Office Beginner Bee Course 8-4pm, volunteers needed

-- MAR 15-16, UF Bee College Gainesville, Tickets given in our Raffle in JAN

Old Business: -- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 available at check in. 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 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. 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

--7:05 Dave opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 4 new members and 1 guest.

--Secretary E-Minutes accepted as emailed

--Treasurer \$19,478.59 approved

7:10

Dave welcomed Lizz Froelich and Dana. They have a beautiful and unusual presentation on German Beeswax Christmas Ornaments. Lizz is the Cofounder for European Art Wax. Started many years ago with her mother and starting a resurgence with Dana. She has been around beekeepers since she was a child. She uses silicone molds preferably; they seem to give the most detail. But there are rubber and antique wooden molds also. It is an old German tradition where they made ornaments and dolls. If they are placed near a heat source the ornaments will give off a honey scent. The ornaments are all beeswax shaped in molds in an 8 step process; filtered wax, painted, antiqued, gilded and glazed. They are hard and will hang as an ornament. If they break, she simply melts them down again which separates the paint from the wax and reforms them. She uses candle mold release on the forms, but it is not needed for the silicone forms. It takes approx. 4 hours for the wax to harden and more time for the paint and glaze to dry. We had so much interest that will try to set up a class for us. Dave can secure an entire Sat for our class when we have a date, cost \$25.

--President's Report.

Dave thanked Sue G, Susan W., Ray V., Michael Preston, Larry & Phyllis Gillis, Chery Parrish, Christine Nicolodi, Lisa & Greg Lowe, Kristy Pilotti, Eric Bush, Jeff Johns, Dana Dumpas, Kirsten Tesdall for their strong help with the Orange Park Fall Festival where the crowd was over 45,000.

HIVE Management: Monitor for SHB and Mites 4 times a year vs 2 or 3. Ray noted that in the Apiary last Sat we used Powder Sugar and found 3 Mites in one hive and 13 in another. Mite treatments done in July also added Teatree oil to the Brood booster with Wintergreen oil. The Nectar flow is almost over for Fall so feed your hives. Winter is from Thanksgiving to DEC 26. Use this time for hive repair, paint, and upkeep.

-- Apiary Report: 3 Langstroth hives, 13 NUCS and 1 Top Bar Hive. Splits are planned for FEB.

-- Membership Chair Susan W.: We have 220 members now. DUES for 2024 are due now.

-- Mentor Report Ray V.: 23 folks at last Sat meeting.

-- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-- Sue G read a Thank You note from 2 UF Students who received our credit card donations for their studies and from our 4H club, thanking us for the honey bottle donations.

-- Sue G. also noted that Christine Nicolodi was interviewed in the Clay Today on the Honeybee License plates that the state is trying to start as a help for all beekeepers.

-- Sue G also noted that Susan Welch was noted in the Neighbor-to-Neighbor paper for her presentation to the Green Cove Springs Garden Club.

-- NOTE: Don Comer is making Swarm Traps again, contact him \$35 ea.

NEW BUSINESS:

7:53 ---- Dave noted that at the end of the year we have Income \$15,019.92 and Expenses of \$13,233.59. Giving us a Profit of \$1,786.33. Our goal is to have 0 profit by DEC 31. Tonight's raffle brought in \$1,650. To that note:

-- Dave requested a motion to increase our December Raffle fund to \$700. Motions **APPROVED**

-- Dave also asked for a motion to increase the number of members who could attend the UF Bee Class by putting 6 tickets into our raffle vs 4: 3 to be presented tonight and 3 more in JAN. for those who still want to attend can still get into the course for the early-bird price. **APPROVED**

-- John Boeckstiegel noted Cameon Jack PhD will speak at the Jacksonville Bee Meeting 11/20 on Mite control. All are welcome to attend. Also, the Jacksonville Fair sold 409 bottles of honey!

-- Eric Bush has information on Veterans in Need of assistance please contact him if you know of someone; thebetterbackyard@live.com or 904-655-01504.

OLD BUSINESS:

-- Election of Officers will be at the DEC meeting/dinner. Submit your name to Sue G if you wish to enter for Pres, **VP will be open this time**, Treas, Sec or Membership Chair **by DEC 1. We have 2**

nominations for VP: Ken Harp and Lani Rouw. Barbara Perkins volunteered to head the decorating committee for our dinner, anyone wishing to help decorate and clean up please come by 6Pm.

8:10 Raffle: Winners for the UF Bee College: Eric Bush, Danies Gass, Lanni Rouw.

8:15 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary