



CCBA Meeting Minutes NOV 14, 2022

45 Present, 14 Mentor Meeting in Oct

*** Numbers of Executive Steering Committee:**

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

ZOOM meeting was updated and is functioning. Router at the AG Center still not functioning.

DATES to KNOW:

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2023 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.

-- DEC 4, Orange Park Farmers Market 10-3

-- DEC 10, CCBA Mentor Meeting 10-12

-- DEC 12, Semiannual Dinner, Election of Officers 7-9pm

-- **JAN 4-8, 2023**, American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Trade show, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL (\$235 for Mbrs /\$295 non-Mbrs and \$345 Family. It is \$60 to become a member.

***** Volunteers needed for Friday JAN 6 from 8-12, volunteers can attend weekend free. Call Sara Reid #541-708-1127.**

-- JAN 28, 8-4pm, Old Florida Festival, Gold Head State Park, Volunteers Needed **contact Dave.**

-- MAR 16-17, 2023, UF Bee College Gainesville, FL

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.

-- Our CCBA Honey for sale to members \$5/ 16 oz jar, \$10/ 24 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 (Middleburg), Libby and Mike McCalley (Orange Park and Fleming Island), 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), Barbara Perkins (Melrose).

--Swarm collection; let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone on the Website. Please check the Web site for Swarm Collection and Cut Out folks.

*****Beekeepers MUST Re-Register your hives with Mosquito Control Board (904) 284-6957, 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 this year noted from Sean Black. *****

7:05 PM Dave opened the meeting welcoming new members Rich and Debbi and Brenda. Guest Michael Lynch from Duval a Commercial Beekeeper with 600 colonies.

-- Secretary: Minutes for OCT approved.

-- Treasurers Report \$18,266.60 accepted.

7:13 Guest Speaker: Kaylin Klackner a PhD Student at UF Bee College. Her topic "Queen Biology and Management." She studies wild Honeybees from So Africa. (See the Website for Video Library to see her full report). Honeybee Life Cycle for review: 1) Queen eggs are chosen from 3 day old eggs, 2) All eggs have the potential to become queens and are fed Royal Jelly until day 3. 3) Workers decide which eggs will be a queen fed Royal Jelly until they are capped. 4). At day 16 the new Queen emerge from her cell and she will go on her mating flight to mate with several Drones several times storing the semen for her lifetime. She returns to the hive and will start laying eggs.

Workers drive the Colony, the Queen is for reproduction only. She will lay her eggs in a spiral pattern filling one side of the frame per day. She carries the inherited traits of her ancestors and the traits of the Drones she has mated with. Beekeepers saturate the field with specific Drones to ensure the best qualities of the species. When purchasing your Queens consider: to requeen your Colony, they are sold mated and unmated, also sold as Queen Cells to hatch in your Colony. (*Never order your bees on the WEB unless you know the Apiary) If you choose to clip your Queen's wings ONLY clip 1/3 of a single wing to prevent the Colony from considering her damaged and kill her. If you suspect your hive is Queenless. Recheck in 1 week for eggs or the queen. Or check to see if a Worker is trying to lay eggs. Or are the Workers forming Queen Cells. Re-Queen your Colony when

the Queen disappears, when the existing Queen is underperforming, if Brood Disease and you want to split the Hive or poor Colony Temperament. When you put a new Queen in the Hive cull any other Queen Cells, make sure the Queen is accepted.

Kaylin.Kleckner@UFL.edu

8:10 Dave thanked Kaylin and noted that CCBA purchases 2 tickets for the Bee College each year.

--SECRETARY Minutes approved

--TREASURER Report \$18,793.80. Noting CCBA sends 2 Visa Cards at \$250 ea to UF Students projects ea year and Ray will present our Seminar profits (\$500) to UF. Dave noted we are the only Association that donates to UF.

-- FL State Beekeepers Assoc would like a member from each local association to volunteer and be the contact to their Representative, Kent Woodridge, and let him bring any issues to the State Beekeepers. According to FL State Beekeepers there are 500 Commercial Beekeepers in FL but there are 5,000 Backyard Beekeepers. There is a possibility that bee registration cost may go up.

--PRESIDENTS Report; Hive Management, Treat for Mites and SHB. Your Colony may be decreasing now be sure you are feeding. He uses 1:1 sugar water and if you use pollen patties use small amounts to discourage SHB and Yellow Jackets. Now is a good time to paint and repair your wooden ware for Spring around the end of DEC. Remember Don Comer makes Swarm Traps if you would like one for 2023 (904-326-9240) comer.dj@gmail.com.

--- APIARY: We have 5 Langstroth, 13 NUCS and 1 Top Bar Hive.

--What's Blooming: Spanish Thistle, Banana, Peach and Loquat trees, Mexican Sunflower and Buckwheat.

-- MENTOR Report: Last Mentor Meeting 3 new Members signed up.

--MEMBERSHIP Chair: Thanks to all paying 2023 dues now. Susan has a VENMO Card now if this will make it easier to pay your dues. Also please let her know if you are NOT receiving your minutes from her to be sure your address and phone are correct.

8:11 OLD BUSINESS:

---DEC 2022 Election of Officers at our Potluck Dinner: ANYONE IS ELEGIBLE; SUBMIT THEIR NAME TO SUE GIANINO BY 12/1; sgianino9951@gmail.com. Must be a paid mbr to vote.

---From Ken Harp; Camp Montgomery needs any wooden equipment to get started with teaching Honeybees.

8:15 NEW BUSINESS:

-- Dave wants to increase our Raffle money for our Semiannual dinners from \$400 to \$600 since we are increasing in membership and we need to show Zero profits for the year. Christine Nicolodi motioned **we increase it to \$800** esp since we are increasing membership for dinners and raffles.

VOTE: Approved

--Request for a Chairman to supervise our dinner DEC 12. Tiffany Padgett volunteered to be assisted by the 4H and any other volunteers welcome. The CCBA furnishes the meats and drinks. Pot Luck from members supplies the rest. Come Hungry!

--Suggestion to increase the amt of donations to UF for 2023 but Dave tabled that vote until we establish the new budget for 2023.

-- Dave explained what the Yesterday Festival is at Gold Head State Park the 4th Sat in JAN is back after a 3 years because of COVID and other issues. Time from 8-4 pm Volunteers MUST register with Dave who will take it to Park Services **by DEC 20**.

--Thank you note for the honey bottles and caps from the 4H Stingers Club read by Sue G.

--ANNOUNCEMENT: from Hives and More from 11/26 to 12/9 members will receive a 10% discount on all wooden ware.

-- Frank G. noted all the speakers from our Seminar are uploaded onto the Web Site under Library/Live Speakers Videos.

8:45 Raffle held

8:50 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary