



CCBA Meeting Minutes OCT 10, 2022

35 Present, No mentor Meeting in Oct

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\*Christine Nicolodi/ Gary Van Barringer: **Refreshment Coordinator.**

**ZOOM meeting** on hold until Ag Center replaces the router, and zoom gets updated email.

**DATES to KNOW:**

-- 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.

-- **OCT 15-16** Orange Park Fall Festival, 10-5pm Volunteers always welcome.

-- NOV 5 Orange Park Farmers Mkt 30-3pm

-- NOV 12 CCBA Mentor Meeting 10AM

-- NOV 14 CCBA Monthly Meeting speaker Kaylin Kleckner, Queen Management and Care

-- **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.**

-- 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 member Tiffany.

-- Secretary: Minutes for SEP approved.

-- Treasurers Report \$18,266.60 accepted.

7:13 President's Report:

--Survey results of our Symposium: we had 36 people present all comments range from Good to Excellent; attached survey results. Honey Judging Winners: Lani Rouw #1, Kristy Pilotti #2, Amy Campbell #3. For the Black Bag Judging; Bernadette #1, Christine Nicolodi #2, Lani Rouw #3. Thanks to Ray and Diane for judging. Possibly next year's Symposium will be the first SAT in OCT. The Seminar was recorded and is on the Web Site; ClayBees.com

--If you do splits it is recommended you buy a mated queens vs letting the hive make their own because it is Dragon Fly season and they will kill your queens. Also be sure your queens are laying well this time of year.

--- Fall Honey Flow is on, treat for Mites and SHB. Swarms can still happen.

--- APIARY: We have 5 Langstroth, 14 NUCS and 1 Top Bar Hive.

--What's Blooming: Spanish Thistle, Golden Rain Tree, Black Eye Susan, Mexican Clover and Mexican Sunflower.

7:20 Mentor Report: Last Mentor Meeting cancelled due to Hurricane Ian. Dave took 3 UF Students through the Apiary at the request of Dr Cameron Jack and Cross Middleton. They also were able to help capture 2 Swarms.

-Membership Chair: Thanks to all paying 2023 dues now. We are nearing 200 members; 8 signed after the Beginner Bee Class and 3 after the Symposium. In 10 years, our dues have not increased. 7:30 Frank Gianino presented Mead Making. Mead is the oldest beverage and dates to 8000 BC. Grapes were cultivated much later, and beer needed heat to coach the sugars from the barley. Yeast changes to Ethyl Alcohol and Carbon Dioxide. The Yeast determines the sweetness of the Mead. It was preserved crops and reduce the bulk of the grapes. 5 GAL of Mead needs 14 pounds Raw Honey and clean water. KEEP EVERYTHING CLEAN or risk bacteria infecting your Mead.

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.

8:15 NEW BUSINESS:

--For the JAN 6, volunteer for JAN Conference please RSVP to [marie@beegirl.org](mailto:marie@beegirl.org) or 541-708-1127

--The profits from our Seminar were \$442 but VOTE to send \$500 for the UF Bee Lab. APPROVED

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

8:25 Raffle held

8:31 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary