



CCBA Meeting Minutes OCT 9, 2023

Present 52 , Mentor Meeting 20 , 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.

-- OCT 14, **CCBA Mentor Meeting 10AM** until JUN

-- OCT 14, Penny Farms Farmers Mkt 10-4

-- OCT 12-14 FL State Beekeeper Annual Convention in Orange County, Hotel Available.

-- **OCT 21-22, Orange Park Fall Festival.10-5**

-- NOV 5, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- NOV 11, CCBA Mentor Mtg 10-12

-- NOV 13 CCBA Meeting &pm, Wax Ornaments with Lizz Froelich

—**JAN 27, 2024, Yesterday Festival Gold Head Park**

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.

We sold out of our honey at the CC Fair this year.

*****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 2 new members.

--Secretary E-Minutes accepted as emailed

--Treasurer \$18,938.97 approved

7:10

--President's Report.

Dave thanked Sue G, Dorie, Ken Harp, and Susan W for a very successful Fall Beekeepers course attended by 60 people.

Dave also thanked Dorie, Sue G, Susan W, Ray V., Diane Spoden, Michael Preston, Larry and Phyllis Gillis for their support at our NE Florida Honeybee Symposium. We made a profit of \$536.00 which will be donated to the UF Honeybee Lab. Responses were excellent and most respondents would attend again.

Monitor for SHB and Mites and treat as needed. 3/100 mites is a 30% infestation-TREAT if not now in DEC getting ready for our Spring in JAN. Still OK to split but it would be better to buy a queen vs rearing your own due to an increase in Dragonflies this time of year. Splits also help reduce mite and SHB populations with splits. Feed your splits. Fall Nectar Flow is now. Skip will still have Queens till the end of the month also Santa Fe in High Springs, FL.

---Apiary Report: 4 Langstroth hives, 14 NUCS and 1 Top Bar Hive. Splits are planned for FEB.

--What's Blooming: Spanish Thistle, Golden Rod, Bottle Brush, Sweet Almond &, Loquat.

-- Membership Chair Susan W.: We have 204 members now. Report on the Stingers will be making candles, and they are asking for any unfiltered wax to work with. They are also collecting can tab tops to use for their Community Service

--Mentor Report Ray V.:17 folks at last Sat meeting, we have approx. 12 mentors.

7:30 Speaker this evening is a Q&A with Dave Sieruta.

--QUESTION: How do you decide which Mite Treatment to use. 3-4 times per year he uses the aerosol Oxalic Acid every 6 days, Dave treats again in JAN as the bees start to grow the hive. Check the bees to ensure your hives stay healthy, if robbing or foreign bees enter the hive Mites can still be spread. Ray and Dorie use powder Sugar all the time, there is no limit of use and does not harm the bees. The reason is that bees hatch at different times and the Mites need to be treated on the bees, treatments do not work inside the cells. Several You-Tube folks; Randy Oliver and Chuck Cook discuss the differences. Chuck cook uses Oaxcilic Acid Strips that are not currently approved by the FDA. Ray reminded that if you treat for Mites remember to check after treatment to ensure you accomplished eradicating the Mites.

Check every 10 days during swarm season due to overcrowding. In Jul and Oct, you can check the activity of the hive. Checking inside the hive can cause absconding.

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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.**

--We can now spend \$600 on our raffles to ensure there is a 0 profit for 2023.

8:20 Raffle:

8:26 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary