



CCBA Meeting Minutes SEP 11, 2023

Present 36 , Mentor Meeting 17, 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). **2023 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail.

-- **SEP 16 NE FL Honeybee Symposium 8AM at the AG Center EVENTBRITE ck Web Site till FRI.**

-- **SEP 23, Beginner Bee Course 8:30-3PM** Volunteers needed, **tickets SOLD OUT**

-- OCT 1, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- OCT 9, CCBA Membership Mtg 7PM

-- 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**

—**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 and welcomed 1 new member Gary from Key Stone Hts; he was introduced to the Mentors in Key Stone.

--Secretary E-Minutes accepted as emailed

--Treasurer \$19,261.06 approved

7:10 Moment of silence for Sept 11, 2001, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

--President's Report.

Dave thanked Sue G, Dorie, Ric Hopkin, Michael Preston, Kevin Fields, Jeff and Amy Fields, Richard and Sharon Robinson for all their help at the Jax Honeybee festival.

Monitor for SHB and Mites and treat as needed. 3/100 mites is a 30% infestation-TREAT. You can use Powder Sugar or alcohol wash or Dawn wash.

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 starting.

Swarms are still possible check your Swarm Traps and feed your swarms and NUCS till Sep

---Apiary Report: 2 Langstroth hives, 14 NUCS and 1 Top Bar Hive

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

-- Membership Chair Susan W.: Report on the Stingers helping at the Honeybee Fest. They have 11 members now from Clay Duval and St Johns. They harvested 30 bottles of honey and sold them at the Master Gardeners Plant sale. NOTE: Members who paid in Sep are paid for 2024.

--Mentor Report Ray V.:17 folks at Sat meeting, they worked the Apiary hives.

7:30 Speaker this evening is Dave Sieruta on Treating Mite infestation.

--3-4 times per year he uses aerosol Oxalic Acid, there is also Powdered Sugar that Ray uses every month esp. JUN – NOV. Neither treatment kills the bees. Also, an experimental caulking gun type of treatment is out to place around the hive box but not approved in FL. You test each month and treat when you reach 3% mites or 3/100 bees. 90% of the Mites are in the cells so treating more than once is recommended. Treat in Spring, FEB / MAR, and at the end of Summer/ OCT which protects the hive over winter. 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. So do Oxalic Acid treatment and the next is Formic Acid interchanging them. *If you use the chemical treatments remember they cannot be used with your Supers on it will affect your honey. If you have Hygienic bees, they clean the Mites off other bees but if something happens to the queen you will no longer raise Hygienic bees unless you replace that queen with another Hygienic queen. Mites do not like Spearmint or Wintergreen, and they can be used in your Brood Booster feedings.

NEW 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**.

--Beginner Beekeepers Course Sept 13 is sold out so no tickets tonight.

-- Symposium is SEP16, raffle will have 2 tickets tonight. We have 30 tickets sold and plenty of good seats are still for sale, see Dave or the ClayBees.com web site. DURING the Symposium we will have **Honey Judging**, honey judging suggestions and video are on the Website.

8:20 Raffle:

8:30 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary

*** Symposium: John and Loetta Boeckstiegel