



CCBA Meeting Minutes SEP 12, 2022

35 Present, 12 at the mentor Meeting

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

ZOOM meeting on hold until Ag Center replaces the router.

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.

-- SEP 24 Beginner Bee Class

-- OCT 2 Orange Park Farmers Mkt 10-3PM

-- **OCT1 Mentor meeting 10AM new time**

-- **OCT 8, 8:00-** 4 PM N.E.FL. A. Beekeepers Symposium We host at the AG Ext Office

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

-- **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 17-16, 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. *****

7:08 PM Dave opened the meeting welcoming new member Phyllis Lucitt, Green cove springs, Ray is her Mentor, and she has bees.

...Good news Meetings now can zoom; the Ag Center its router replaced.

--Dave noted that tonight's raffle will have 2 tickets for the Beginner Bee Class and 2 Tickets for the NEFL Beekeepers Symposium

-- Secretary: Minutes for AUG approved.

-- Treasurers Report \$18,087.01 accepted.

--7:13 Presidents Report:

--Hive management: Beware of Small Hive Beetles, Treat with Beetle Grease (Recipe on the web site) and hives out in the full sun discourage SHB. Dave has started adding Brood Booster 1 Cup/5 Gal of Sugar Water. (recipe on web site) You can add Wintergreen (SHB), Spearmint(Mites) or Tee Tree (Nosema) or Lemon Grass to the mixture.

--The Fall Honey Flow has started with Goldenrod, Spanish Thistle, Asters, Sweet Almond and Bottle Brush blooming. You can harvest your Fall Honey but most leave it for the bees to winter over which is cheaper that sugar water.

--Start feeding your hives now through Winter when Red Maple blooming.

--If you do splits it is recommended you buy a mated queens 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. Dadant and Skip Blackwell have queens until OCT.

--APIARY: We have 5 Langstroth with supers & 14 NUCS with 11 Castles and 1 Top Bar Hive.

--Mentor Report: Last Mentor Meeting we had 12 members present. We lost 1 NUC.

--Membership Chair: Folks can start paying next year's dues now; \$15 per voting member.

7:26—This month we have Diane Spoden, one of our members working on her Master Beekeeper from UF and she is becoming qualified as a Welch Honey Judge. She will present "How to Prepare for Honey Judging." Her handouts will be on the web site and we will have copies. She added the "Black Jar" info also. We will have a honey judging at our Symposium OCT 8.

She got her ideas from our last Seminar and is in apprenticeship with Ray. Her presentation is for those who want to enter their honey in Oct or in any judging. When you win a judging is it great bragging rights for your honey sales. It is fascinating how different honey is from beekeepers. Black Jar is for those who don't want to go through the trouble of bottling. Any jar will do with a fair amount of honey in it. It is placed in a black bag and will be judged on taste alone.

Preparing your jar requires 1# plastic or glass jar. Most judging require 3 jars for each category being judged, they must be clean and dried with microfiber. Any other cloth will leave lint that can be seen. The moisture of the honey must be 18.6 or under. Jacksonville Honey Fair will have judging, check jaxbees.com. UF has honey judging at every class also.

8:11 OLD BUSINESS:

--The Alvin Moore Educational Fund will provide for 2 tickets for the Beginner Bee Class and 2 tickets for the NEFL Beekeepers Seminar tonight at the raffle.

8:15 NEW BUSINESS:

--Beginner Bee Class 9/24 Check the web site for the EVENTBRITE link, \$30 for 1 and \$50 for 2. on our web site or call the Clay Extension Office for reservations..

--NOTE: the MENTOR MEETING WILL BE OCT 1 at 10 AM.

--DEC 2022 Election of Officers at our Potluck Dinner: ANYONE IS ELEGIBLE; SUBMIT THEIR NAME TO SUE GIANINO BY 12/1.

--For the JAN 6, volunteer for JAN Conference please RSVP to marie@beegirl.org or 541-708-1127

8:21 Raffle held: Tiffany Rouw and Lisa Love have tickets to the Symposium OCT 8

Phyllis Lucitt and Phyllis Pitts have tickets to the Beginner Bee Short Course

8:28. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary