



CCBA Meeting Minutes SEPT 13, 2021

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*Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.**

ZOOM meeting tonight cancelled; new TVs in the Ag Ctr working with computer difficulty. Tonight we had 36 members present. Saturday there were 15 Members at our Mentor Meeting.

DATES to KNOW:

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2021 DUES DUE** every OCT – DEC. Renewal sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.

-- SEPT 18, **Beginner Bee Class**, 8:30-3:30 at Clay Extension Office \$30/p, \$50/couple the virtual class cancelled due to small number sign up. Cassidy Dossin (904) 284-6355 for late entries.

-- **SEPT 25, 2nd Annual NE Honeybee Symposium** \$30pp; 8-4pm: Dr Jamie Ellis Key Note Speaker, Dave Westervelt, Bo Sterk, Rob Horshburgh, Backyard Bee. The Caterer is reserved and **Ray Vickerman will conduct Extracted Honey judging (check claybees.com for honey judging rules and helpful hints).** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ne-fl-honey-bee-symposium-tickets-166537248393> or contact Dave Sieruta to register with cash or check. (904) 466-3613 or dtssie@aol.com

NOTE: our profits are donated to UF Bee Lab.

--OCT 3, OP Farmers Market 10-3Pm

--OCT 9, CCBA Mentor Meeting **NOW at 10AM**

--OCT 11, CCBA Regular Meeting 7PM

--OCT 16-17, Orange Park Fall Festival, OP Town Hall at Kingsley and US 17, 10-5PM

--NOV 7, OP Farmers Market 10-3 Pm

--NOV 13 CCBA Mentor Mtg 10 Am

--**NOV 20 Farm Bureau Farmers Market at Farm Bureau on Henley Rd 8-12Pm \$5 per table Honey/Wax/etc. can be sold here. You can purchase your own table. The CCBA will have an Information table set up.** This is a new venue for any member. Cross Middleton (Louie's Nephew) with the Farm Bureau #904 657 6704 for questions. It will be the 3rd Sat each month.

Old Business:-- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 see Ray. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$10 (see Sue G. at Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall). John Boeckstiegel has ash & yellow color Golf-shirts with new logo for S-LG \$12 for XL-XXXL \$15 and Tee shirts for \$12..

-- Our CCBA Honey for sale to members \$5 / small jar.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman or Dave Sieruta. Mentors currently are Huey Forquet (Orange Park and Baker County), Rick and Dorie Kline and Ralph White (Middleburg), 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).

--The **Lou Ivey Memorial will have the Plaque placed** at the Mentor Meeting Sat Oct 9, Chris XXX was present and received our framed picture for his Mother.

--Rick Kline noted a lot of the tools and displays in the Honey House are missing over the years

ANYONE wishing to donate old equipment, hive tools, information, pictures bring it in.

--**Swarm collection; let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone on the Website.** Currently we have Dave Sieruta 904-466-3613, John Boeckstiegel 904-673-8480 & Cross Middleton 904-657-6704, Ralph White 352-514-9927, Dorie and Rick Kline 904-571-3070.

*******Register your hives with Mosquito Control Board** (904) 417-5884 or Check out Clay County Mosquito Control in the News at <https://www.firstcoastnews.com/article/news/local/clay-county-uses-aggressive-effort-on-mosquito-problem-after-finding-west-nile-virus/77-577095009> **OR Call Jessie(904)284-6335 to give her your location and your hives location. Aerial spraying is not currently done in Clay County.**

****Frank has posted the Mosquito Control and Beekeepers info on the Web site.**

7:08 PM Dave opened the meeting and welcomed 1 new member from Oakleaf, Chris Baird 2 Guests. He explained the Mentor Program and that we will meet this SAT at 9AM pls wear long pants. Dave mentioned the Beginner Beekeeping Course Sept 18 for our new members.

--We have a beautiful Honeybee theme quilt donated (and made) by Jean Watson to be used for an upcoming Raffle/Auction, Dave will determine when.

--We have the new 3 button shirts in Yellow and Ash made by John Boeckstiegel were brought in tonight prices have gone up this year. TBA next meeting. John also had his Tee Shirts (yellow).

-- Apiary Report: 6 Full Hives and 14 NUCS. Waiting for Ana, Ivan, Ashley Brown, Bert Field. Cathy Schuman, Hans Mankiner, Kayla Hartwig, Kristine Wilson and Carole Adams to get their NUCS \$55.

We got permission to expand the Apiary for more room to teach probably in NOV>cost \$200.

-- Secretary, the minutes for AUG Approved and accepted.

-- Treasurers Report \$15,053.52, read by Dave S. Approved.

7:15 President's Report:

-- Hive management: monitor for Small Hive Beetles SHB: and Mite populations, treat as needed esp for weak hives. Beetle Grease seems effective against both Small Hive Beetles and Mites, the recipe is on Claybees.com , you can purchase our old honey for \$2 / 12oz to mix with Beetle Grease.

Spearmint and Wintergreen oils repel both Mites and SHB. Our Honeybee Booster recipe is also on the web site. The Apiary only had 2 SHB. Treatment for Mites is Powder Sugar to ½ cup bees and shake onto a white plate and count 9 or more / 300 bees (1/2 cup) is enough to treat. Can use CO2 Cartridges, Oxalic Acid or Mite Strips (no honey supers with chemical treatments). FEED your bees during the Dearth.

7:25 What's Blooming: Golden Rod (2 types), Mexican Sunflower, Loquat getting ready to bloom Spanish Needle which indicates the Fall nectar flow. Because of the increase in sugar Dave will let his bees use their honey during the Fall/Winter.

--Mentor Report: Ray noted we had 23 members present JULY

--Membership Coordinator we are up to 167 (new high) with 137 email members and if you are not receiving any emails from Susan please make sure she has your correct email and phone info.

-- Bee management calendar is on the Web site and on FB

7:33 Dave was our speaker tonight: for Ray Vickerman on Honey Judging. He has the Queen Ann plastic Jars for purchase for \$0.70. At the Honey Symposium we will have a judging contest by Ray Vickerman, A Welsh Judge. You need a clean jar filled to the shoulder of the jar. Best if gotten from a full frame of capped honey, eliminates particles, and has the right moisture content (18%). Put it in your show container approx. 1 week before the judging to eliminate bubbles. Use a clean lidded jar which retards crystallization. Usually 2 jars are submitted but for our judging 1 jar is enough.

--Welsh judges are trained and use mint Mason Jars. Judged for color, cleanliness, no finger prints, clarity and aroma. Do not put the seal on the Queen Ann jars it leaves a residue. Ray will be here for our judging and will be available for questions at the Beginner Bee Class or my email or phone.

NEW BUSINESS:

8:00 Dave announced that if you left your honey after our dinner in AUG you can pick it up from him.

--There are 2 master Gardeners looking for a yard or 2 for bees, they do not want to work with them, so if you need more space for your bees contact Dave.

--Don Henry is looking for a couple pounds of Beeswax 904 269 1961.

--ELECTION of Officers will occur at the DEC Dinner, ANYONE who would like to nominate someone for President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Coordinator please let Sue Gianino know so we can get you on the ballot. Only paid members can vote in DEC.

--Don Conner donated a Swarm Trap to be raffled tonight. THANKS!

--Cassidy is looking to advance our Beginner Bee Class to Intermediate/Advanced class in the future, should be a great time we have wonderful instructors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was suggested by Dorie that we can offer 3 tickets to our Symposium on 9/25 with the money we have from tonight's raffle. **APPROVED**

8:30 Raffle drawing: Dylon Lowe, Cheryl Parrish, Jerry Patterson were our winners of the Symposium, CONGRATS!

8:30 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary

Honeybees, otherwise known as the Angels of Agriculture, are the strongest link in the chain between food producers

Clay County Beekeepers Association



Membership Application

Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7PM.

Mentor meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10AM until 12 Noon.

All meetings are held at the Clay Co. Agricultural Extension Office.

2463 State Road 16 W, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, (904) 284-6355.

Our mission is the development and promotion of practical beekeeping methods and to act as an educational resource to the community and the general public.

Membership dues are \$15 per year per voting member.

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

If a couple:

Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Clay County Beekeepers Association

Mail application and check to:

Susan Welch

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Bottom Broad: Clean Avg. Dirty									
COMMENTS: Date, Action Taken. What Blooming? Next Inspection Date? Action Needed?									

