



CCBA Meeting Minutes MAR10, 2025

Present 70, No Zoom, Mentor Mtg 26

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

DATES to KNOW: BUSY MONTH UPCOMING

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2025 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail.

-- MAR 21-22, **UF Bee College**, Gainesville FL

-- MAR 22, Honey Bottling at AG Ctr 12-5 PM at the AG Ctr **Volunteers welcome**

-- MAR 29, Cleaning the Honey House 10AM **Volunteers welcome**

***** NOTE Bee Packages will be picked up this month vs MAR due to winter weather.

-- APR 3-13 Clay County Fair; Susan Welch asking for volunteers at the Honey House.

-- OP Mkt APR 6---CCBA will not be present due to the CCF, 10-3Pm

--CCBA Meeting APR 14 7PM

-- **CCBA Mentor Meeting moved to APR 19 10AM due to CCFair**

-- MAY 4, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- MAY 10, CCBA mentor Meeting 10 AM

-- MAY 12, CCBA meeting 7 PM

Old Business: -- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 available at check-in. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$13 Price increase (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 \$14, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$11, XXL \$14.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman & Dave Sieruta. (19) Mentors currently: Huey Fourquet (Orange Park & Baker County), Libby & Mike McCalley (Orange Park & Fleming Island), Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Joe Dobransky (Orange Park), Ray Vickerman, Lani Rouw, Susan & Bob Welch (Green Cove Springs), Ken Harp & Barbara Perkins (Key Stone), Jurgen & Sylvia May (Polk City), Rick & Dorie Kline (Middleburg), Amy & Jeff Campbell (Middleburg). Eric Villeneuve, (Middleburg/Clay Hill).

--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.

*****Beekeepers MUST 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.

-- 7:10 Dave opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed new members Stan and Patty from Keystone Hts.

** Special Guests; John Graf (Miss Behaven) and Bill Fussell (District Chair for Florida State Beekeepers). They are here to update us on the FL Beekeepers License Plates and have vouchers for members to take and complete tonight offering a free year's membership to FL State Beekeepers after registering for the license plate. The benefits from tags will benefit all Bee Associations in FL with equipment, speakers, etc. The State Beekeepers Convention will be NOV 6-8 in Kissimmee FL.

-- 7:18 Secretary" E" minutes approved.

-- Treasurer Report \$18,215.62. approved. Money used for bottles, labels and lids for CCF.

--Presidents Report ** Thanks to all who helped the Beginner Bee class we had 60 students

--Remember to keep control of Small Hive Beetles (SHB) and treat with Beetle Grease (recipe on web site) also monitor for Mites and plan to treat 4X/year.

--Keep feeding your bees

--Get your swarm traps ready, bees are swarming. John Boeckstiegel will be making Swarm Traps for those who may want one (904-673-8480).

-- For your Swarms and NUCS feed them sugar water until the Nectar Flow.

-- Make your splits if your hives are full to prevent Swarming check every 10 days

-- Dave has your NUC sign up sheet

--APIARY we have 2 Langstroth hives, 21 NUCS and 1 Top Bar hive without bees. There are 19 NUCS with Castles that will probably be ready in APR for members who attended the Beginner Bee Class, have no bees and asked for a Mentor. When available bring your new NUC/Hive with 5 lean frames, price \$80.

--What's blooming: Dutch Clover, Pear, Peach and Citrus blooming.

--Membership Report: over 250 members. Sign up sheets for the Honey House Cleaning, CCF Volunteers and Honey Bottling contact Susan Welch.

--Mentor Report; last meeting 26 attended.

SEE OUR WEBSITE; CLAYBEES.COM FOR THE VIDEO.

--7:35 Our Speaker tonight is Dave Sieruta sharing the U-Tube Videos from UF and Dr Ellis on Installing Pkg Bees and finding and installing Swarms into NUCs or hives.

** Note from Dave on Yellow Jasmine.... It is a problem for only a few weeks, but it can affect your young brood and forger bees.

Old Business:

Sue Welch explained the CCF to all and asked for volunteers to work the dates APR 3-13. She passed a sign-up sheet. Also noting, we will clean the Honey House MAR 22 at 10AM, Honey Bottling MAR30 at 12PM, there will be a FAIR Luncheon for volunteers MAR 25 at 11AM at the Cattlemen's Arena.

8:25 NEW Business: None

--8:35 Raffle:

--8:55 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary