



CCBA Meeting Minute-s APR 15, 2019

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DATES to KNOW: Dues now way overdue for 2019

--Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr* (new for 2019): (pay Sue Welch).

--APR 20: CCBA Mentor Meeting (date change due to County Fair) 10AM

--May 5. Orange Park Market 10-3

--MAY 11: Mentor Meeting 10 AM

--MAY 13: CCBA Business meeting 7PM

-- MAY 25: 8:30-5PM, NEFL Seminar at Clay Ag Center: sign up/ register on

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ne-fla-honey-bee-symposium-tickets-59790039618>

--**NOTICE**:

--Hatice Iaconangelo (904-755-8195) is selling NUCS:

3- 5 frame NUCS with Hawaiian Queens from Skip \$130 ea

She is located in Mandarin by Clark's Fish Camp

--Lee Newberry saw us at the Orange Park Mkt and asked if anyone would like to put bees in her yard she can be reached at jagalvin@yahoo.com or (904-572-2035)

Old Business:

-- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 see Ray. Our logo on your Polo shirt \$10, T-shirts with logo S-L \$10 / 1X-3X \$12. See Sue or Dorie for Shirts.

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-- Mentors are available: members requesting a Mentor, call Ray Vickerman 904-284-5317 or Dave Sieruta 904-282-2193. Mentors currently are Huey Forquet, Rick and Dorie Kline, John Riley, Dave Sieruta, Ray Vickerman and Ralph White.

--Sue Welch is collecting Pop tops from cans to go to K9 Warriors program.

7:08 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting & welcomed 9 new Members and Guests. He introduced the members of the Ex Committee & noted we have a Mentor Program if they would be interested; see Ray Vickerman. Mentor Class Sat at 10AM.

7:15 -- Secretary, minutes approved as emailed.

-- Treasurers Report \$6417.87 approved as read.

--President's Report: Dave thanked all who bottled honey for the Clay County Fair helped clean the Honey House and helped with the Fair. **NOTE:** Susan Welch had been approved as our Superintendant for tickets and passes at the Fair. Louie Ivey has been approved as our Asst Superintendant for the Honey House with Tom Glisson.

--Many Thanks Huey for making a new CCBA sign for the Honey House, it is beautiful.

--Hive Management: honey flow is still not strong yet so keep feeding your bees with a 2:1 solution sugar water. Keep up Mite checks. Check for Swarms or Queen Cells. Remember you can't use a chemical Mite treatment when you put on your Honey Super. Swarms are happening now.

****If you want to be called for Swarms let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone on the Website.** Currently we have Dave Sieruta and Louie Ivey.

--Apiary Report: We have 7 Hives and 4 NUCS

--Our NEFL Symposium is on track for MAY 25. **We will all need to register before MAY 20 on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ne-fla-honey-bee-symposium-tickets-59790039618>**

You will need to use your credit card to pay.

NOTE- Frank has it on the Web Page with a button direct to the site. Cost \$30pp.
Limited to 150 people.

7:25 Bo Sterk, our speaker tonight, is one of the few Master Craftsman Beekeepers with the UF School in Gainesville. Speaking on "Mood, Food & Brood". Rob Horshburgh, one of our Clay County Inspectors is one other Master Craftsman in FL.

-What to look for when opening a hive: MOOD: Check the mood of the hive when you approach; flight pattern, any robbing, stinging, defensive, or gentle. The Landing Board; is it busy, are there many bees, fat bees with nectar or pollen means a queen is present. Are there any Drones or are they using the sugar water. Are there any smells or dead bees on the ground, are workers pushing out any dead larva. Even after freezing Foul Brood the frames/foundation can still harbor the disease, they must all be burned when found. Bees without wings can be caused by ants. Frass (yellow bee poop) on the hive could be dysentery or because they have been cooped up for awhile-- they will not have Frass in the hive. If you open the hive and there is a loud buzz it may be queenless or defensive.

FOOD: Check the outside frames to check for honey & pollen. Brood should have honey and pollen surrounding the brood. If there is a lack of food or water the hive will be defensive. Sugar water 1:1 can be used year round, 2:1 tends to be stored. Pollen Patties can draw Hive Beetles. Use only Cain Sugar for your bees.

BROOD: Check for Queen cells, Supercedure cells this time of year is swarm season. Check the hives frequently and split if necessary. Bo clips his Queens wing and if she tries to swarm she will be on the ground with her bees around her making it easy to find her and put her in a NUC. In a hive there may be more than one queen 12-15% of the time. Dimpling on the capped brood or tiny bubbles could be foul brood. More than 1 egg in a cell is a laying worker and she can only lay Drone eggs, or a young queen.

QUESTIONS: for Wax Moths, take the undamaged brood & bees and move to a NUC and check for Varrora, the moths prey on weak hives. Varrora is 90% cause of a weak hive. Check your hives each week or at the least every 2 weeks this time of year for issues and swarming. **Skip has Queens in and Honey Life is no longer in business.

8:35 PM New Business:

-- Dave reported on the New Budget (see attached sheet). The budget for 2018 was

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\$9134.00 , 2018 Total Income was \$11,128.00, Expenses were \$9730.00 and our total profit was \$1,398.00. The cost was up due to printing extras & the cost of our Non-Profit status. The sale of honey at Gold Head State Park boosted our sales.

--Proceeds of the N.E.FL Symposium directly deposited into the CCBA account, we will pay for expenses out of that. Eventbrite will take 3% of the cost of the event. Any extra profit will be sent to the Bee College. **VOTED AND APPROVED.**

The CCFair profit was \$1500 with honey for sale to members only for 1/2 off, it will be: 12oz =\$4. the 16 oz = \$5, and the 24oz \$7.50. We can now sell the honey at any class we teach for the Regular price (\$8-10-15) **VOTED AND APPROVED.

**Dave had the bottles list for folks who wanted honey bottles he will contact you.

**Next month will be Mosquito Control

**THIS Year we will have our Semi-annual dinner as JUN 10 vs JULY.

** July speaker TBD

** AUG 12, Speaker Frank Gianino on Making Meade.

8:40 Raffle held.

8:50 Meeting Adjourned

Submitted for approval,

Sue Gianino,

Secretary

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