



CCBA Meeting Minutes AUG 12, 2019

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DATES to KNOW:

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr* (new for 2020): (pay Sue Welch).
- AUG 17 Jacksonville Honeybee Fest 8-5 at Jacksonville Fair Grounds (Free event) **volunteers appreciated**
- SEP 1, Orange Park Mkt 9-3 Volunteers welcome
- SEP 7, Master Gardener's Plant Sale and Honey Sale 8-2PM at AG CTR, **volunteers welcome**
- SEP 7, Sue will attend Sunshine Farmers Mkt; Eagle Landing
- SEP 9, Monthly Meeting; Mike Leach on Commercial Beekeeping
- SEP 14, Mentor Meeting: **LAST MEETING AT 9AM-11AM** (OCT go back to 10-12)
- SEP 28; Beginner Bee Class at Ag Center 8AM-4PM
- OCT 19-20 Orange Park Fall Festival joining with the 4H Club, **volunteers welcome**

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

Old Business:

- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 see Ray or Susan. Our logo on your Polo shirt \$10 see Sue G., T-shirts with logo S-L \$10 / 1X-3X \$12. See Sue or Dorie for Shirts.
- Frank has the **FL State Beekeepers** web site on our web site or **flstatebeekeepers.com**. You can register every year for free if you do not wish to join. Your registration will help them with any lobbying done on behalf of Backyard Beekeepers

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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.

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

7:10 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting, there were 3 new members and 3 guests tonight. from our Mentor Meeting and from the Bee College.

7:15 Minutes for JULY accepted as emailed.

--Presidents Report: Dave announced that he and Bo Sterk delivered a \$400 check to Dr Jamie Ellis at the Bee College and that Dr Ellis has agreed to be our Key Note Speaker at our Second Annual North East Florida Symposium next **MAY 16 2020**. Also John Boeckstiedl presented Dr Ellis with a Oxalic Vaporizer for the Bee College. Dave will begin advertising our symposium in JAN and we plan to open this up for the full 150 attendees.

--**Beginner Bee Class for SEPT 28 from 8-4PM.** we have a new AG Center replacement for Luke who is **Cassidy Dossin**, she is learning about honeybees now and very versed in the 4-H. She will be here for the class and Luke Harlow will be here to assist. Volunteers welcome to help present, set up, clean up and work in the apiary.

--Keep up with your hive inspections and now time to treat for mites without the honey super on. Remember if you do your count and get more than 9 per 300 bees(1/2 cup) you will need to treat. Keep feeding until the first of Sept when the death will hopefully be over. If you are using Brood Builder in your sugar water it will help control mites, beetles and ants.

--Apiary Report: (OLD)The Bees will be available soon for the Lottery Mentor Program; to apply send a message to Sue Gianino with your phone number; use the Claybees.com website under the Officers Tab. The price is \$55 and prepare for mentor ship for 1 year. You provide a NUC with 5 clean frames and those frames will be replaced with 5 frames from the Apiary. We cannot sell a queen but you can purchase one from another seller or the NUC will make a queen. We are hoping to have our Queen rearing going by next yr. ****Lottery open to new beekeepers without bees first and then to members needing a NUC.**

--**Louie will take over the Apiary Reports** this year, he is there on WED. Dave there on Sat. Louie and Rick started a Top Bar Hive with a Horizontal Longstroth hive in the making.

--7:25 Treasurers Report \$11,186.62. \$400 profit from Symposium delivered to the FL Honey Bee College @ UF for research.

--Christine Nicolodi has taken on as our refreshment coordinator, anyone who would like to assist her, pls call (904) 284-5317 .

--Mentor Report, Ray noted all went well at the apiary on Sat Mentor Meeting. Our new Member Joe was there and enjoyed it so much he signed up tonight. We have 9 mentors to help anyone.
7:30 Speakers for tonight were the members who went to the UF Bee College:

--Huey Forquet went to the Eastern Apiculture Society Conference and brought a new type of synthetic foundation made from vegetable oil products allowing the queens to immediately start laying in the hive. This conference plans to organize all east coast beekeeper groups, they had 800 attendees & 10 countries in attendance. ****Huey has also earned his Master Bee Status** by completing the written test, he is still planning his hands on and thesis paper. CONGRATS!

--Colleen Fletcher- Marsteller won the trip to the bee College from our raffle. She said there was so much technical data to learn and it was so helpful and enjoyable. She learned that the age of a bee is determined by the amount of hair on their eyes. She learned about the 3 different leg uses for the bee and that if you have 2 hives and one is more gentle, that is the one you want to split and grow more bees from.

--Dave S. went to several classes; one with research on DNA testing on Africanized bees vs European, there are 27 different subspecies and 9 species of Apis. He listened on how small beekeepers are making queens and the nutrition studies on pollen.

--John Boeckstiedl brought a Vaporizer kit to show for Mite control. He donated one to the UF Bee College and demonstrated how they work tonight. He noted that UF studies find 4 Grams of Oxalic Acid works much better than the 2 Grams recommended by the state. Cameron Jack from UF is trying to change the state rules. He uses CO2 with an inflator pump to stun the bees, gathers the brood from the center of the hive and puts them in a plastic tub (1/2 cup bees) the CO2 stuns the bees and the mites making it easier to shake the mites off for the count. Take the number of mites and divide by 3, if 7-9 mites you need to treat the hive. The kit sells for \$330 plus a Mite check for \$30 and you MUST PURCHASE A SPECIFIC GAS MASK. He recommends treating each Spring and Fall but with this method you can use with the super on. You treat every 7 days for 3 weeks or 21 days. The bees are unhurt.

--Susan Welch enjoyed the bee college and felt our Symposium was equally effective with speakers and demonstrations without the travel. Our cost was much cheaper and we

included lunch. The Bee College does let you download all classes which we decided to look into for our next Seminar. Sue has several classes pls email her for info.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Sept starts renewal for members dues cost is \$15 per voting member pls see Susan Welch. New members from July/Aug are paid for 2020.

--Dorie stated her "What's Blooming" on her Face Book Page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Saturday is the Jacksonville Honeybee Festival: a lot of fun, come out it is free, Dave, Sue, Dorie, Christine will be working there. Dave is presenting a class. Dorie will be talking Top Bar Hives for the day.

--Five winners from the Raffle; Ray, Dan, Bell, Tim and Catherine.

--NOTE the 4-H meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the AG Center.

8:40 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