



CCBA Meeting Minutes JAN 8, 2018

\*. Numbers of Executive Steering Committee: Dave Sieruta PRES : 904-282-2193, Dori Kline V-Pres: 904-616-2723, Sue Gianino SEC: 904-276-5921, Ray Vickerman TREAS: 904-284-5317, Luke Harlow AG Rep: 904-284-6355. **Face Book at Clay County Beekeepers Association, Ralph W. Organizer and Website <http://claybees.com>, Frank Gianino, WEB Organizer.** \*\*Dave Sieruta: Education/Speakers **Phone 904-282-2193 to volunteer** Ralph White: 352-514-9927**for Apiary duty**, Tom Glisson Clay County Fair Representative: 904-329-0062 to volunteer. Honey House Repair and re-New Committee Kerriann Bonello 904-945-3860 to volunteer.

**NOTE:** If you wish to join the FL State Beekeepers and donate toward the building and furnishing of the new Honey Bee Lab in Gainesville, FL go **to UF Honey Bee Lab: [www.UF Honeybee.com](http://www.UFHoneybee.com) or [Beekeeper Lab.org](http://BeekeeperLab.org).**

**Old Business:** Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15, our logo on your shirt \$10. See Ray for cap and Sue for Shirts.

-- Mentor List is available for anyone who would like to Mentor a new member and members requesting a Mentor, call Ralph 352-514-9927 or Dave Sieruta 904-282-2193. +++Mentor Booklets given to Ray Vickerman; our next **Mentor Trainer TBA at the Clay Ag Ctr for Mentor Training.**

-- **Dave Westerfelt, Bee Inspector, is getting antibiotics for those who need them** <http://www.freshfromflorida.com> **for Registered Beekeepers.**

----Fran Fowler is collecting Pop tops from cans to go to Canines for Vets program

++ Next meeting FEB 12, 7PM, Mentor Meeting FEB 10 at 10AM

7:00 PM Meeting Opened by Dave Sieruta. Welcomed new 2 members and 1 guest. He thanked Tom and Ralph for and Cal for keeping the traditions of the Association going. **DUES for 2018 season payable to CCBA through Ray Vickerman.** Meetings will be conducted with Roberts Rules of Order.

--Secretary mailed out last month's minutes with election results. Accepted. Name tags distributed this meeting and recollected. Also started a signup sheet at each meeting to track number of members attending.

--Treasurer reported \$6521.59, Rays annual report: IN: CC Fair brought in \$5516 with honey and raffle, \$320 in honey sales at Master Gardeners sale, \$900 in dues. OUT: \$1033 out to Speakers \$100, \$539 on Apiary, \$100 on Bee course, Fall Festival \$25, Dinners \$119, \$150 to Farmers Lunch, plus paper products stamps.

7:10 Secretary reviewed the minutes of the Executive Meeting held JAN 3 at 7 PM with new officers.

7:20 Dave introduced Gary Van Cleefe State Bee Inspector for this region. He spoke on Swarms and Splits for your hives. Swarms are a natural way to decrease/slow Varrora Mites. Bees swarm if the queen is old or ineffective also if the hive is overcrowded or Spring time. They suggest to requeen each Fall to keep the hive healthy and the queens are generally cheaper in the fall. Make sure she has room to lay her eggs or make your own split to expand your hive. Splits also control swarming, support the hive, replace winter losses, expand your bee hives and queen rearing which save money by using your bees to make new hives. Honey sales are a \$16M business and Pollination is a \$13M business with over 200 hives sold each year. When you see Queen and Drone cells are the time to split. In FL it can be as early as FEB; with the blooming Red Maples. When you split your hive make sure you center the brood in

the center of the NUC with Pollen and Honey frames on either side and FEED then. Forager Bees will be located on the honey and Nurse bees on the brood you want a mixture of both types in your NUC. When the Queen has a strong hive she is strong as well and will encourage her to start to lay her eggs, But with a new NUC and re-queening from a queen cell it can take 38 days for her to start laying eggs. With a new hive or NUC be sure to feed the bees and use an entrance reducer and let the bees accept the new queen if she is a caged queen for 7-14 days, don't disturb them. Tom Feeders are recommended to keep robbers from the hive and attracting Hive Beetles. Front feeders are best as a water source.

7:40 PM Q&A followed.

7:58 Raffle conducted by Tom for a new NUC (Chuck Riddling) and Gift Certificates (Kerri Bonnelo) from Hives and More

8 pm NEW Business: Planning for the Clay County Fair it was noted at the EX Committee Meeting that the Honey House needs repairs and updating. Dori (V-Pres) will head the program and Kerri Bannelo volunteered to assist with the group. Dates for the CCF are MAR 29 to APR 7. Look at your calendars now to plan for dates you can volunteer for the Honey House at next meeting. A motion was proposed and seconded to establish the Honey House group.

8:05PM Dave presented Certificates of Appreciation to Tom Glisson and Ralph White for their continued support to the Association last year helping to create the Mentorship program and begin the Apiary Expansion project.

8:07 Apiary Report: the cold of the last few weeks did not affect the bees, and the Red Maples have started to bloom in Green Cove.

NOTE: Miss Bee Haven will have Queen Cells around FEB 16th for \$4 (keep them warm in transit) they will also have 3# of bees pkgs for \$120 and 5 frame NUCS in mid April for \$135. #904-610-3470. Be sure to mention you are with CCBA for these prices.

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*