



## CCBA Meeting Minutes JAN 13, 2020

\* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee: Dave Sieruta **PRES:** 904-282-2193, Dorie Kline **V-Pres & Face Book Organizer:** Clay County Beekeepers Association 904-616-2723, Sue Gianino **SEC:** 904-276-5921, Ray Vickerman **TREAS & MENTOR Trainer:** 904-284-5317, Susan Welch, **MEMBERSHIP Coordinator & DUES Collector** 727-204-6626; Cassidy Dossin **AG Rep:** 904-284-6300, and, Frank Gianino, **WEB Organizer:** <http://claybees.com>, 904-276-5921, Dave Sieruta: **Education/Speakers** 904-282-2193, Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.** Ralph White: **4H Club,** 352-9927

### **DATES to KNOW:**

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\*: (pay Sue Welch).
- JAN 25: Yesterday Festival at Gold Head State Park 9-5pm Volunteers gladly welcomed
- FEB 2: Orange Park Farmers Market 10-3pm, anyone can come help educate
- FEB 8, Mentor Meeting 10AM Clay Ag Center
- FEB 10, CCBA Business Mtg 7PM, Speaker Rob Horsburg: Making Splits
- FEB 22, Spring Beginners Beekeeper Short Course 8-3PM Clay County Extension Office to book your seat: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-2020-beginner-beekeepers-short-course-tickets...>
- MAR 6&7 UF Spring Bee College 8:30-4:30 Gainesville, FL Campus
- MAY 16, 2nd Annual N.E. Honeybee Symposium 8-4:30 UF/IFAS Extension Clay Offices.
- APR 2-11, Clay County Fair (CCF)

### **--NOTICE:**

--**Dave will go to GA to pick up the 3# package bees, \$95 pp payment needed by FEB 10,** cash or check. Pick up date approx Mar 18. There is a waiting list if you would like to sign up in case those who did do not want their package, let Dave know; address: 2686 Henley Rd, GCS 32043. Bees from Dadant; \$175, bees from Mann Lake \$185.

### **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.
- 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.

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--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.

--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 of your hives esp if they are at different locations. Be sure to register your hives Areal spraying is not currently done in Clay County**

**\*\*Frank will post the Mosquito Control and Beekeepers info on the Web site.**

7:05 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting & welcomed 3 new Members and 3 Guests. He directed everyone to review the submitted logos for our association and vote for their choice. Through the meeting the strongest logos will be voted on until there is a clear winner.

7:10 -- Secretary, minutes for NOV meeting approved as emailed; No minutes for DEC

-- Treasurers Report \$10960.61 approved as read.

--Last month the election of officers renews our current officers for another year.

--Hive Management: Keep checking for Queen Cells, Mites and insects. Make sure your hive is not getting honey bound, if so stop feeding and force the bees to go and gather nectar and pollen. Inspect your hives swarm season is still on with this warm weather.

**\*\*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, Ray: We have 4 Hives now and 5 NUCS. Probably will split next month to hopefully get up to 10 NUCS for the Lottery in March.

--Membership Report; check with Susan if you are unsure of your dues payment. **Next month she will have a list for the Honey House sign up for the Clay County Fair APR 2-11.**

7:25 Our speaker Ray Vickerman, presenting Honey Judging requirements. We will have a honey contest at our Seminar May 2. Outside judges will preside for us. We cannot get it into the CCF this year but we can hold a small judging at the Honey House.

Honey Judging is done on 2 different criteria: Extracted Honey and Black Jar Honey. See the Web site for Rays list of specific criteria.

Extracted Honey:

Must be from clean, fully capped frames

Uncapped properly

Let it ripen and settle through a fine lint free cloth

If you have bubbles it can be heated very carefully to lift them

Jar must be perfectly clean.

Judged by clarity, correct fill, no adhesive safety cap, color (light, amber, dark)

No finger prints on the jar

Aroma is not a judgment quality but to ensure it has not fermented.

Check the jar lid for cleanliness

No foam or particles

Viscosity is judged with a honey Refractometer

Black Jar honey is based on the judges favorite taste only.

Look at your jar by holding it up, there should be no space between the honey and the cap, Either glass or plastic jars are OK but try to remove all smudges. Based on US Honey Rules. Use Queen Lined Jars. Ray has some for \$1. if needed.

You will not have your name on your honey, you will receive a number for your jar. The honey jars are lined up according to their standing, with a card of comments. Other examples of honey judging: comb honey, section comb honey, candles, wax, and Meade.

7:45 PM: Dave announced that Alvin Moore makes Observation Hives of 1 frame contact him for pricing; 904-716-3167.

--Bob McKenney knows someone with a swarm in a tree approx 25ft up (no phone) in the San Pablo area.

--John Boeckstiedl, Pres of Nassau Bee Assoc invited anyone to attend their meeting 4th Monday of the month (JAN 27) at the Nassau Fair Grounds: Cameron Jack will be speaking on his Varrora Mite research.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

7:50 Our Logo was voted on and accepted it will be on the Web Page, Face Book and soon on new shirts. (see below)

7:55 Raffle held Barbara Tomlinson won a ticket to the Bee College at UF.

8PM Meeting adjourned.

Q&A with Ray V.



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*