



## CCBA Meeting Minutes JUL 8, 2019

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### **DATES to KNOW:**

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\* (new for 2019): (pay Sue Welch).
- **AUG 10, Mentor Meeting 9:00 AM NEW TIME FOR SUMMER HOURS**
- AUG12, 7PM Business Meeting
- AUG 17 Jacksonville Bee Fest 10-5 at Jax Fair Grounds (Free event) volunteers appreciated
- SEP 7, Master Gardener's Plant Sale
- SEP 7, Sue will represent us at the Sunshine Farmers Mkt; Eagle Landing
- SEP 8, Orange Park Farmers Market resumes 10-3 volunteers welcome
- OCT 19-20 Orange Park Fall Festival joining with the 4H Club again

### **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 wants bees in her yard: reached at [jagalvin@yahoo.com](mailto:jagalvin@yahoo.com) or (904-572-2035)
- Bobbi Nagle (904) 282-9338 in Middleburg off SR 218 wants bees in her yard
- Kim Meadows (904) 716-8535 [kimiswrite@yahoo.com](mailto:kimiswrite@yahoo.com) wants bees in her yard.

### **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](http://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.

--Members who wish to buy our honey it will be 1/2 price. We can also sell our honey to others for the CCF price, see Dave S.

-- **\*\*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.

7:08 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting, there were no new members or guests tonight. We had our semiannual dinner in JUN so there were no minutes.

--Presidents Report: Dave announced that all speakers including Dr Ellis at our last Seminar would like to come to the next one which is in the planning for Spring 2020 or Fall 2020,

--Keep up with your hive inspections and now time to treat for mites without the honey super on.

--Sat when we will do a mite count at the Apiary.

--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. We are hoping to have our Queen rearing going by next yr.

--There are 7 hives and 5 NUCS at the Apiary with 3 NUC double brood to split on SAT.

--Planning a Beginner Bee Class for the end of SEPT. we are hoping the new AG Center replacement for Luke will be available for the class.

-- The requests for our Symposium for next year are out, we are waiting for speaker dates that are available. Dr Jamie Ellis wants to present again. Dave will send him our Beetle Grease recipe.

--JUL 19-29 Skip and Cindy will be on vacation from Hives and More but their son will be there for any purchase....

--We are starting into the Dearth for Summer, be sure to feed your bees through AUG.

--The best price to purchase sugar is Wall mart \$7-10 for #25, next SAMS and BJs. If you use patties cut them small pieces for the bees to consume otherwise they attract hive beetles.

--Tonight we will raffle 2 tickets to the bee College for AUG: AUG 5-6 and 8-9.

7:25 Treasurers Report \$10361.29. \$400 profit from Symposium that will go to the FL Honey Bee College @ UF for research. Approved

--Chris Pike has bottles to pick up and Barbara has 30 small bottles. We still have large bottles to sell for \$0.75 contact Dave.

7:30 Frank Gianino presenting Meade Making for tonight.

--Handout was recipe and equipment needed.

Meade is the oldest alcohol to date because it only needs honey(sugar) water and yeast.

Meade and Beer were made because it was a wonderful way to preserve fruit or grains without refrigeration. Meade making is legal but selling it without a permit is bootlegging and you cannot distill it. There are Meade making kits available but you will need a fermenting bucket, corks, brushes, glass car boys. Sanitizing is most important, several methods are available.

Now you need air locks, thermometer, hydrometer, test jar, caps,/corks, with a corker or capper, bottles, tree for draining bottles, wine thief, auto siphon: 2 -15# of RAW honey, water and yeast.

--There are complex Meades with fruit, herbs, grains, etc.

--Readings "Complete Meade Maker" is Franks favorite. The Royal Manor and Harris Meadery of Orange Park for Meade. Brew, Bottle and Tap in Orange Park for equipment. The American Bee Journal had an article about 3 years ago on Meade. 1QT of honey yields 3# Meade.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

--Ray is planning a Mentor Trainer Class. To date all mentor requests have been assigned.

After Dave questioned the Assoc, no one wishes a Mentor Trainer class at this time.

--Bob Welch registered for the Bee College with the early bird price that saved \$15.

--Raffle winners for the 2 tickets were John Boeckstieck and Colleen Fletcher-Marsteller.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

--Sue G will check out the Farmhouse Christmas in July as a possible vendor place.

--AUG 12 next meeting with Dadant as a speaker on Bee Nutrition

--Dave will post a volunteer list for the Jacksonville Honeybee Festival at next meeting.

--Christine Nicolodi volunteered to be our snack sponsor for our meetings.

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*