



## CCBA Meeting Minutes JUN 11, 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 and MENTOR Trainer/Coordinator**: 904-284-5317, Luke Harlow **AG Rep**: 904-284-6355. Ralph White: **Organizer Face Book: Clay County Beekeepers Association and 4-H Club**, 904-514-9927 and, Frank Gianino, **WEB Organizer**: <http://claybees.com>, 904-276-5921. \*\*Dave Sieruta: **Education/Speakers** Phone 904-282-2193

### **DATES to KNOW:**

- JUL 9, (Semi-Annual Pot Luck Dinner) 7PM
- JUL 14, Mentor Meeting 10AM : Demmo how to do Mite count
- JUL 13, Capitol Bank of Keystone Heights having a Vendor Day and Blood Bank: Looking for a Clay County Beekeepers Table if interested **call:Patricia Evans** 904-452-2050. She is one of our CCBC Members.
- SEPT 8 Master Gardeners Plant Sale and 4H Honey Sale
- SEPT 29 Beginner Bee Class at AG Center; Volunteers needed to assist
- OCT 12-13 UF Bee College UF Gainesville at New Bee Lab opens

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

-- Mentor List is available for anyone to Mentor and members requesting a Mentor, call Ray Vickerman 904-284-5317, Ralph 352-514-9927 or Dave Sieruta 904-282-2193.

\*\*Fran Fowler is collecting Pop tops from cans to go to K9s Vets program

\*\* Bill Elrod has an electric Extractor for \$700 call Dave Sieruta

7:04 PM Meeting Opened by Dave Sieruta. Welcomed new members and visitors: Earl Braddcok from JAX --He makes hives.

7:10 Minutes accepted as posted on email.

Treasurer Report \$9360.98 accepted as read. We still have 12oz bottles of Honey from the CC Fair for \$6 for members.

7:15 President's report: This is a great time for splits and check your supers now, if you have 3 empty frames now add another super. It is time to extract your honey. The Association has an extractor that needs a gate added and the first person to borrow the extractor will get the gate to attach to the base. There is no cost to borrow the extractor for 5 days, contact Dave Sieruta or Tom Glisson. The large amt of rain we have been having has affected the honey flow esp. the palmettos. The Gallberry is looking OK -- Apiary Report: 3 NUCS with castles and 6 full hives for a total of 9 hives. The Ag Center Hive has the Australian Flow Super on now and active bees with honey in the super. The NUCS will be ready to sell soon.

-- Mentor program, Ray reported there are 5-6 Mentors and each Mentor has 2-3 Mentees assignees. Call Dave or Ray if you signed up for the Mentor Program and to start your NUC for \$50/ Call Ray to for the Mentor program. 32 members worked in the Apiary and found a few queen less hives and transferred frames to those hives

--Blooming report: Crape Myrtle is for pollen not nectar. Spanish Thistle, Bottle Brush, Chinese Tallow and Coral Vine. Kerrienne has 2 Chinese Tallow for the takiing. Bay trees and Buckwheat (good food source in July and AUG for your bees. Fruit and vegetables coming in strong.

7:25 Q&A tonight for members: Dave mentioned DO NOT treat for Mites if you still have your supers on the hive. The wax is porous and will absorb the toxins. Do not use Oxalic Acid with supers on, powdered sugar is still a fine mite treatment but must be done often. Ray V. suggests you always test for mites before treating to see what you are treating and how many mites you have. \*\*Next Month JULY 14, at Mentor meeting they will demonstrate how to do mite count.

--Mark your queens with any non toxic paint: Red is the color for 2018.

--Sue and Frank had a demonstration for Club Challenge, Calvin had a presentation for the Girl Scouts Salvation Army and Dave had a presentation at Sea Mark for the Girl Scouts of Lake Asbury.

---Dave reported that the 4H is doing well and as far as we know the ONLY 4H for Honeybees in FL. Luke has talked with Jamie Ellis and he is working with a youth group also; perhaps they can work together on this project.

--Dave asked for suggestions for topics and speakers for next year's meetings:

- \* Jamie Ellis speaker
- \* Have a swap meet with extra equipment with us or other associations
- \* Dave is working on a true "North East FL Beekeepers Conference" with Jax Bees, CCBA, St John's and Nassau Bees with speakers etc. around JAN/FEB 2019.
- \* NOV/DEC time Demonstration on how to build bee boxes and frames probably set for a Mentor Sat as a working day.
- \* Al Salopek from Backyard Beekeepers to come back
- \* **Suggestion** to become a supporter for the Honeybee Lab in Gainesville with a donation of \$1000 or less to have our name on donation a maker; **VOTE at July mtg.**
- \* Mentor Meeting for demonstration on extracting honey
- \* **Voted on and Approved** that our members will only be listed on our FB page as a way to contact each other. No one wants their name or phone or web on the website.
- \* Suggestion for a Ice-cream Social meeting on a non-speaker night: Assoc buys the ice cream and members bring toppings, cones, spoons, etc.
- \* Suggestion that Mentor meetings be used as Basic Beekeeper Training and Business meetings used for Advanced information.
- \* Continue to have UF Grad Students present on their projects.
- \* Workshop on Crafts with honey, wax, etc

**New Business:**

- Frank will look into incorporating and becoming a Non-Profit organization and present to Ex Committee at next meeting.
- Dave Sieruta is almost always at the Apiary on WED at 11AM weather permitting, working in the Apiary for questions and answers.

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- Sue brought in a frame infested with Wax Moth larva for show and tell.
- Dave noted that the Ex Committee met 2 months ago and designed a budget for 2017 and 2019--**Motioned carried and Approved the expenses**: Total \$8059
- Dori noted there was a surplus of 94 bottles of honey from the CCFair. A motion was made to sell the honey to the 4H Club at cost of \$4/btl and let them sell it for \$8/btl at sell at the Master Gardeners Plant Sale Sept 8: **MOTION APPROVED**

9pm Raffle held

9:08 Meeting Adjourned and Ray V. will stay for 15 min to discuss any bee issues.

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*