



## CCBA Meeting Minutes MAR 12, 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 904-514-9927 and **Website <http://claybees.com>**, Frank Gianino, WEB Organizer 904-276-5921. \*\*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.**

### **DATES to KNOW:**

--MAR 17 at 9 for bottling and labeling honey bottles for Clay County Fair bring honey filling buckets, spoons, towels

--MAR 24 Volunteers needed to help Dori and Kerriann set up the Honey House for the Clay County Fair

--CLAY COUNTY FAIR: MAR 29 (2-7P), MAR 30 (11-7P), MAR 31 (10-7P), APR 1 (11-7P), 4/2 (10-7P), 4/3 (4-7P), 4/4 (4-7P), 4/5 Senior Day (11-7P), 4/6 Youth Day (9-7P) 4/7 (10-7). A lot of fun, let folks know what you know about bees and help sell our honey. Call Tom Glisson to volunteer

--APR 8 Orange Park Farmers Mkt

**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.

-- **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).**

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

\*\* NOTE: Miss Bee Haven will have 5 frame NUCS in mid April for \$135. #904-610-3470. Be sure to mention you are with CCBA for these prices.

++ Next meeting APR 9, 7PM, Mentor Meeting APR 14, 10AM

7:00 PM Meeting Opened by Dave Sieruta. Welcomed 12 new members. Thanks to all who helped with the Beginner Bee Class where 38 attended. Many thanks to Huey Forquet, Ray Claxton, Louie Ivey, Dorie and Rick Kline, Ralph White and Calvin Wilcox.

-- It is a good time to start your NUCS or make splits.

--We have obtained Orange Blossom and Gallberry Honey for the Clay County Fair

--Secretary mailed out last month's minutes.. Accepted with corrections..

--Treasurer report of \$6690.59 accepted.

--Apiary Report, from Dave, 2 NUCS with supers and 3 Hives.

7:20 **Honey House Report from Kerriann**::New frames for all the trainer pictures and she has lots of ideas for kids day at the CCFair.

7:24 Mentor program, Ray reported mentors for Duval, Orange Park, Clay, Green Cove and St John's. Call Ray to volunteer or have a Mentor assigned to you.

--Fran Fowler had the CCF Honey House signup sheet for members to sign up.

7:25 What's Blooming, Dori reported Willow, Blue Berry, Sparkle Berry. A Tupelo Tree was donated by Lisa Macke .

7:27 CCF Signup sheets are with Tom Glisson and Cal. Dave appreciates all the work they do for the CCF each year.

-- 4H club meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month, Ralph welcomed 12 kids to their first meeting. They are starting with 3 hives

7:30 Rob Horsburg (DPI Inspector), Spoke on "Keeping Quality Queens" for your hive.

1. Transporting a queen for re-queening purposes or sale. 2. Re-queening a hive,

3. Clip or mark your queens to facilitate finding them in the hive and noting their age. 4. Banking a Queen to store queens over the winter or for sale or for another hive.

-Looking for your Queen: start on one side each frame at a time esp with frames that have eggs or larva. Look on the inside of the box. If unable to find your Queen recheck in 1 or 2 days. Also take all frames out, put queen excluder on the brood box and shake all bees onto the excluder, the queen will not be able to crawl through. Re-queening is to replace an old queen, introduce a desired trait i.e., disease resistant, bees are less likely to swarm. Resistant bees are not widely kept so check with breeders. Buckfast bees are a good choice but irritable.

Queens are generally replaced in FL every 6 mo to 1 year because they wear out with our warmer seasons.

--Catching a queen with a queen clipper, a queen cage or your fingers.

--Marking can be done with any paint that is not toxic/ marking pens work well. The color is year specific.

--Clipping to prevent your queen from swarming is done to one of the fore wings however the hive may replace the queen with a damaged wing.

#### NEW Business:

8:20 Dave stated there will be another Hive raffle at the Honey House during the CCF again this year but this year we will purchase it from Hives and More plus a basket to raffle with Bee Goodies in it, a vote was held and motion approved.

--Next speaker: Ray Claxton

8:27 Raffle held

8:35 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*