



## CCBA Meeting Minutes MAY 15, 2019

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### **DATES to KNOW:**

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\* (new for 2019): (pay Sue Welch).
- **MAY 25: 8:30A-5PM, NEFL Seminar at Clay Ag Center: sign up/ register \$30, on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ne-fla-honey-bee-symposium-tickets-59790039618> MUST be registered by MAY 20 to set the amount of lunch for the caterer.** Donuts and lunch will be provided. Queen grafting demonstration/class by Louie Ivey. Jamie Ellis will offer 2 classes plus the Backyard Beekeepers will present. Final Panel for Q&A at the end of the day. The profits will be given to the UF Bee College. Ray V. will have a honey judging contest. **NOTE-** Frank has it on the Web Page with a button direct to the site. Cost \$30pp. Limited to 150 people.
- JUN 2, Orange Park Market (last one till SEP) 10A-3PM
- **JUN 8, Mentor Meeting 9:00 AM NEW TIME FOR SUMMER HOURS**
- JUN 10, 7PM Semiannual Pot Luck Dinner bring a favorite: side, salad, or desert. The CCBA will have chicken, tea, plates, service and napkins available. Volunteers welcome/needed for set up by 6PM: Susan Welch, Frank & Sue G. and Ken Harp. Signup sheet passed for helpers.
- There have been 5 speaking engagements since last meeting: Dave S and Luke, Sue G. and Dorie K. and Louie I.

### **--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 wants bees in her yard.

**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.

7:05 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting & welcomed new Members (the Milton's) and Guests.

7:15 -- Secretary, minutes approved as emailed; correction to spelling of cane sugar.

-- Treasurers Report \$6433.99 approved as read. \$5641 honey sales from the Fair.

--President's Report: Dave reported that we have \$1760.50 profit from honey sales. With profits from raffles, honey, hats, t-shirts are \$650.80.

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

--Hive Management:.. Inspect your hives every week-10 days; swarm season is still on and keep feeding esp. your NUCS with 1:1. Keep checking for Queen Cells, Mites and insects.

**\*\*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 7 Hives now with double brood boxes on 4. 5 NUCS and 3 with Castles.

--Mentor Report; nothing to report at this time.

--Dave presented Luke Harlow with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the work he has done on our behalf the past 4 years. Sadly he will be relocating in a few months to Union County.

7:25 Our speaker Jessie Kenney of Mosquito Control could not make it tonight so Luke Harlow will present. The Mosquito Board is now fogging which is aimed at adult mosquitoes and applied at dusk They do not spray private drives and currently populated areas on roadways. If

you have registered your hives call Mosquito Control (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.**

8:00 PM: Dave held a Q&A session:

--Are we happy with the way the CCBA is headed? He stressed that the association belongs to the members and we have a say in how things are run, on speakers, etc.

--Our symposium will be catered by the Cattleman's Association with 2 meats, salad, vegetables and dessert.

--For the Honey Judging you will need a clean # plastic jar, with lid and filled just to the first rim of the jar so there is no space between honey and lid when it is looked over. You can purchase your jar from Dave if you need one. Do not put any info on the jar. **Honey judging sheets will be posted on the web**, Dave passed out several sheets. Bragging rights only for the winner.

--Libby noted she has one hive doing very well and another is weak. Suggestion: put the poor hive on top of the active hive with a queen excluder between them to help boost the weak hive.

--How can you keep a swarm in the hive: Try putting a frame of brood in the swarm to keep nurse bees from leaving.

--Blooming Report, Dorie: Butter Mint, Cabbage, Chinese Privet, Dog Hollow, Gopher Apple, Mexican Clover, Red Bay, Spider Wort, Tulip trees Tupelo and Ligustrum, White Dutch Clover. After Spring plant Buck Wheat, bees love it and Standard Feed has it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

8:10 Apiary NUCS will be available. Our plan was to raise bees and help new beekeepers get started. We have guidelines for folks receiving our NUCS at \$55 with a Mentor for 1 year.

Dave passed this out and it is priority for New Beekeepers on a Lottery system in case we have more requests than NUCS. We will plan to start in JUNE, contact any of the Ex Committee esp. Ray V. or Dave S. NUCS can sell now for \$185-217 elsewhere. If we have a surplus of bees we can offer to members who have had bees but have none now and or the 4H Club. **Guidelines voted on and APPROVED.**

**\*\*Guidelines will be put on the WEB site for review**

**\*\*Vote take to purchase 4 more NUCS at \$30 from Hives and More to make swapping frames and bees easier APPROVED**

**\*\*Members voted to have chicken for June Semiannual Dinner**

**\*\* July speaker TBD**

**\*\* AUG 12, Speaker Frank Gianino on Making Meade.**

8:30 Raffle held.

8:50 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*