



## CCBA Meeting Minutes NOV11, 2019

\* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee: Dave Sieruta **PRES**: 904-282-2193, Dorie Kline **V-Pres & Face Book Organize**, Clay County Beekeepers Association: 904-616-2723, and **Claycountybees@gmail.com**, Sue Gianino **SEC**: 904-276-5921, Ray Vickerman **TREAS & MENTOR Trainer**: 904-284-5317, Susan Welch, **MEMBERSHIP Coordinator & DUES Collector** 727-204-6626; Frank Gianino, **WEB Organizer**: <http://claybees.com>, 904-276-5921, Dave Sieruta: **Education/Speakers** Phone 904-282-2193, **AG Rep**: Cassidy Dossin, 904-284-6355, and Ralph White: **4H Club**: 352-514-9927. \*Christine Nicolodi, refreshment coordinator. \* Louie Ivey: Apiary Report.

### **DATES to KNOW:**

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\* (new for 2020): (pay Sue Welch).

--DEC 1, Orange Park Farmers Market 10-3PM

\*\*-- DEC 9, Christmas Party, Pot Luck Dinner 7PM. Vote for Ex Committee---please send Sue Gianino any nominations by DEC 1; [smgianino@bellsouth.net](mailto:smgianino@bellsouth.net). Vote on new logo for Association (see attached). Raffle.

-- DEC 14, Mentor Meeting 10AM

--MAY 16, 2020 2nd N.E. FL Honey Bee Symposium 8-4pm

### **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

### **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.

--From Sat Mentor Meeting: American Bee Journal is offering a discount when you mention that you are a member of this Association.

--Hives and More are offering 20% off on wood ware to members of this Association for DEC.

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-- Mentors: 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 Ronald McDonald House, Orlando.

-- **\*\*If you want to be called to collect swarms let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone on the Website.** Currently we have Dave Sieruta and Louie Ivey.

7:05 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting, thanking all Veterans. He welcomed Bo Sterk, Pres of the ST John's Bee Club and 3 new members.

7:08 Secretaries' Minutes for OCT **Accepted** as emailed. Dave noted that we are renewing our membership now, please let Susan Welch know if your phone or email has changed.

--Presidents Report: Dave reminded all that our Pot Luck Dinner is the next meeting DEC 9. He passed a signup sheet for numbers of members and family coming. Sue Welch and her 4H group will decorate the room, any other help is welcome. This will also be our elections of new Executive Committee by active members (those who have paid dues).

--Dave has a signup sheet for those requesting 3# package of bees next year in Mar or APR price TBD. These bees are from Roberts Apiary in GA.

7:15 Hive Management: Keep feeding your bees 1:1 sugar water. Golden Rod is almost gone, Spanish Thistle is still with us and Loquat is getting ready to bloom. Keep checking for SHB, mites and queen cells. Treat now for mites and remove your honey supers before treating. Hives can still be split if you find queen cells with drones in the hive.

7:16: Treasurers Report: \$11,203.30. **Accepted**. We have new checks with our new bank now.

--The UF/IFAS Beginner Bee Course was a big success in Sept. Dave spoke with Cassidy and because of the increased number of students the cost of the luncheons has increased. He asked for a vote from the membership to increase our donation for luncheon costs: **APPROVED**

--Apiary Report: Louie reported there are 7 hives and 7 NUCS doing very well.

--Mentor Report: Ray reported the Mentor meeting Sat went very well with inspections and splits. Dave suggested that new members contact Ray for a mentor. This Spring with the hives building up we will be doing splits. New Members can be added to the Lottery for bees and mentors. They will also need to attend the Beginner Bee Course.

--Membership Coordinator: Sue requested that if you are not getting emails from her to please be sure she has your correct email and phone number. Great News most everyone has paid up for their 2020 Association membership.

7:25 Dave Westervelt is our speaker tonight. He is the V-Pres of Bees Beyond Borders (BBB) and is here with Bo Sterk the President of BBB. They are training beekeepers all over the world esp the Caribbean most recently in Barbados. They are working with the Bahamas to help them get their Honeybee program back on track after the tragic Hurricane this past year. They have raised \$5K dollars for Bahamas' Training and supplies and working the Bahamian Banks to match funds for restarting their programs. They have trained 55 new Beekeepers in Barbados including children. They are working with the country to curb their insecticide use. They will gladly accept donations for BBB and for their outreach training in Florida.

--Speaking tonight on Marketing Honeybee Products.

He suggests that the best marketing results requires you to be an expert on what you are selling. Be able to describe the product, have samples, register your business so people can find you, have recipes etc or honey for tasting. Note: not all honey can be used by all Diabetics, it depends on the body's response to the different sugars in the honey (Levulose and Fructose). Certain honeys have been certified as medicinal; Manuka and Cudzu. All raw honey has these enzymes but these 2 have been certified as medicinal. And there is a honey from Brazil that is being studied for certification. Honey has an 18% moisture content. NOTE: Some Chinese honey is rice syrup and modified to look like honey by adding pollen and enzymes.

--Florida has labeling laws for honey. Backyard Beekeepers can bottle up to 50,000 bottles and that samples must be individually sealed. Honey sales less than 12-15,000# of honey.

--At market bring your visible hives, samples, honey for sale. Work of mouth is the best form for honey sales. You cannot market in stores but you can sell from home, road side sales and Farmers Markets. You can also market lip balm, honey comb, wax and populous tinctures. You can sell bees as pollinators for someone's land. Large suppliers are Dadant in Gainesville and Mann Lake in Lakeland. Hives and More are on US 13 in Switzerland, FL.

--Secret Find your niche. If you are commercial beekeeper you must be certified to raise Queens and and queen cells that subject for inspections to ensure no Africanized traits. \$25 for the license. Backyard Beekeeper "Hive Management" requires splits and they can be sold. You do not have to own property to put your bees on it but you must have permission from the land owner. Generally there are 4-5 hives per yard/area for Backyard Beekeepers. For 5 Acres you can have 100 hives. Look up guidelines under Best Management Practices.

--You must register your hives to protect you from any legal issues. You will be covered by Statute #586 and for Honeybee Guidelines #584 set out in 2006.

**8:23 New Business:** Dave stated that we had \$1351 from our raffles so far minus \$568 for expenses and we have \$800 profit. At the DEC Dinner everyone will get a free raffle ticket for the drawings.

VOTE: Dave asked for \$500 be approved for the DEC Raffle, **APPROVED** by the members.

VOTE: Dave asked for \$500 be spent on new hives for the Apiary and using the 20% discount from Hives and More for the materials. **APPROVED** by members.

NOTE: Dave mentioned Bill Elrod who is in charge of Old Florida for the Clay County Fair has approved our ability to sell honey as we have done at the Fair for 2020.

VOTE: On this note the membership **APPROVED** we donate our Clay County Beekeepers Observation Hive to the Honey House with a plaque denoting this. It is very old and this will allow it to stay in the Honey House to reduce any damage to it.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8:35 The Nassau Beekeepers Auction and Pot Luck will be DEC 23 at 7PM see attachment.

8:37 Raffle Held

8:45 Adjourned.

\*\*11/9 the Mentor Meeting we had 19 present. We discussed several pictures that Dorie brought on robbing.

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*