



CCBA Meeting Minutes OCT 14, 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 is our refreshment coordinator. * Louie Ivey: Apiary Report.

DATES to KNOW:

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr* (new for 2020): (pay Sue Welch).
- OCT 19-20 Orange Park Fall Festival joining with the 4H Club, 10-5PM **volunteers welcome**
- OCT 23 Executive Committee meeting
- NOV 9 Mentor Meeting 10AM Apiary
- NOV 11 Business Meeting 7PM, Guest Speaker David Westerfelt, Apiary Inspector Retired
- 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
- Ginny Sipliki (sp) requests bee removal from a tree: 904-294-7795 in Lake Asbury

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. 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: 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.

7:00 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting, there were 2 members from the Beginner Bee Class and last Sat Mentor Meeting, 1 returning member, Bill Elrod and 2 guests tonight.

7:04 Dave called Dr Brad Burbough, the Director for the UF/IFAS Clay County and presented him and his Team a plaque for all their contributions to our Association over the years.

Dave also introduced Cassidy Dossin, our new UF/IFAS Agent to the Association. She is Luke Harlow's replacement.

7:10 Secretaries' Minutes for SEP 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 thanked Dorie, Christine, Susan W., Sue G. and Louie for all their help at the Master Gardeners Plant sale. We sold \$400 worth of honey! Great Job!

--The UF/IFAS Beginner Bee Course was a big success with 40 students attending and 4.9 success rating from the students. Thanks to Huey and Dave for their Class presentations, Dorie for her description of the Top Bar Hives and Louie, Tom Long and Rick for their help with equipment and Apiary. Jean, Sue G and Bob McKinney helped with check in, lunch set up and raffle and clean up. Luke Harlow presented as did Cassidy Dossin.

--Next year's elections will be held in DEC at the DEC party, nominations will be accepted until DEC 1. Only paid members will have a vote. Send Sue Gianino an email for Pres, V Pres, Sec Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Web Master: smgianino@bellsouth.net.

7:20 Dave took time to explain the new state regulations for selling honeybees. Good news it does not apply to Backyard Beekeepers (1-40 hives or Sideline 41-100 or less). BUT your hives must be registered. Commercial Beekeepers with over 100 hives need these certificates.

Chapter 5B-54.014 Issuance of Certificates was set up to regulate the sale of bees and ensure that queens/bees come from a certified European mother line source:

<http://www.FLrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09147> it states that a Stock Dealer Certificate, FDACS=08517, revised 12/17, is required to produce nucs, colonies, or other arrangements consisting of frames with comb, honeybees and

a queen for the purpose of sale or trade. The queen must come from certified European mother line source. <http://www.FLrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09155>.

**Don't forget to register with Backyard Beekeepers: you can register each year without a membership fee if you like but it helps with their numbers for legislation on our behalf.

7:29 Treasurers Report accepted \$10,659.53; 2 Visa Gift Cards were sent to Dr Ellis for 2 UF Grad Students.

--Hive Management: you can keep feeding your bees, check for mites, SHB and Queen Cells.

--Apiary Report: Louie reports there are 6 double Longstroths, 1 Single, 4 Double Nucs, 1 new Nuc and the Top Bar hive is doing very well.

7:30 Dave Latner; Branch Manager of Dadant is our speaker tonight, he has donated 2 Queens to our raffle. Caroline, his wife owns the "Santa Fe Queens" bee hives and donated book marks for the raffle. **They will be selling NUCS at the first of the year, just call the office (903-517-5140) and leave a message if no one answers, they all work out in the fields.** Santa Fe Queens has over 2000 colonies.

--His talk is on Honeybee Nutrition tonight. Our location in northern FL is exceptional for year round nectar, pollen and water. Nutrition must be based on multigenerational bee colonies: Carbohydrates from Nectar and Honey, Supplements may be needed for Dearth's or new hives. -Sugar syrup, from granulated sugar (it is the best carbohydrate replacement). High Fructose Corn syrup (Dextrose/Fructose) is not as attractive to the bees but it gives the hive more calories and adds more weight quickly, used mostly by commercial beekeepers. These are the 2 most common methods. Some sugars break down to HMF which is toxic to bees. **Never feed honey to the bees from the store**, it can contain contaminants from the hives they took it from including American Foul Brood. The times to use 2:1 is the Spring to draw wax and 1:1 the rest of the year even less in the Winter.

**If you over feed the hive, it gets Honey Bound (where the bees have filled all cells with honey) and the Queen has no space left to lay eggs. Remember, no 2 Colonies are the same and you have feed accordingly.

-Pollen Substitutes are needed to rear new brood. Bee Bread is made from pollen. To consider what is needed to feed 1 frame of bees: 1 frame honey, 1 frame pollen and 1 frame of water. Sugar water is substituted for nectar. There are no substitutes for pollen: Dadant makes AP 23 designed by a Nutritionist and is best used if mixed into a peanut butter type paste. Pollen Patties have excellent consumption and pollen patties are best if you store in the freezer till needed--you need to leave a space around the pollen patty so the bees can consume it easily

or it will draw SHB. Mann Lake has Ultra Bee and this is a dry pollen and is best served in a protected space from rain etc. Pollen must be put as close to the bees as possible and an external feeder is not recommended, it encourages robbing. There are new produces that he has not tested yet and do not seem to be attractive to SHB. Candy Boards are very effective and generally used up North. **Dave Latner noted that if your bees do not eat pollen patties or substitutes they may not winter at all..

--Note: Entrance feeders can leak and draw robbing, Inline feeders can draw bees, they are cheap but you need a ladder to keep bees from drowning. It stays in the hive. There are floating feeders that stay in the hive and are effective but are hard to store after feeding season. Open feeders draw robbing from all local bees once feeding stops they infest the hive and kill it.

--Bee additives are not closely regulated, the best one is Honey Bee Healthy, works well. Note clean up Burr Comb and feed late in the day so robbers cannot trace the food. Amino Bee Booster or liquid pollen in a bottle....David has not tested this yet. NOTE: there is a LOT of nutritional substitutes out there that you need to know may not be necessary at all.

--REMEMBER Bees need good pollen flow in the Spring. Remember to register you hive.

8:45 **Old Business**. Remember we are voting to keep or have a new logo in DEC, submit your ideas to Dorie or Dave.

--DEC meeting is VOTING for new Officers. submit names and title to Sue Gianino: smgianino@bellsouth.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:40 Raffle Held

--REMEMBER next Weekend is the Orange Park Fall Festival, come shop, help Dave, Dorie, Louie, Susan W. and the 4H club if you can.

8:48 Meeting Adjourned

**10/12 the Mentor Meeting we had 15 present. We discussed the FL Law 5B/54 selling bees.

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