



CCBA Meeting Minutes Oct 12, 2020

With VIRTUAL meeting

\* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee: Dave Sieruta **PRES:** 904-282-2193, Dorie Kline **V-Pres & Face Book Organizer:** Clay County Beekeepers Association 904-616-2723, Sue Gianino **SEC:** 904-276-5921, Ray Vickerman **TREAS & MENTOR Trainer:** 904-284-5317, Susan Welch, **MEMBERSHIP Coordinator & DUES Collector** 727-204-6626; Cassidy Dossin **AG Rep:** 904-284-6300, and, Frank Gianino, **WEB Organizer:** <http://claybees.com>, 904-276-5921, Dave Sieruta: **Education/Speakers** 904-282-2193, Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.** Susan Welch: **4H Club**, 727-204-6626

#### **DATES to KNOW:**

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\*: (pay Sue Welch). **2021 DUES DUE NOW** sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.
- Oct 17 & 18 The Orange Park Fall Festival 10-5PM. We are Booth #96
- **OCT 24**, Fall Beginner Bee Course 8-3PM. It will be at the Clay County Extension Office 2462 SR 16W, Green Cove Springs, FL. For only 40 participants at site \$15 pp and \$ 25 per couple **BRING YOUR Lunch** drinks at site soda machine & bottled water. It will also be virtual \$10 pp. Everyone must register on the Eventbrite site (FB, Web or <https://fall2020beekeepercourse.eventbrite.com>). Mask required and bring your gear if possible)
- NOV 9, CCBA Business Meeting 7PM. Speaker Dr Jamie Ellis from UF Gainesville.
- NOV 14, CCBA Mentor Meeting 8AM & 9AM please register
- DEC 12, CCBA Mentor Meeting 8AM & 9AM please register
- DEC 14**, CCBA **Elections** and possibly our Dinner: Survey to be sent out asking if you want a dinner and/or number of people attending the dinner. **VOTE:** Pls send Sue Gianino [smgianino@bellsouth.net](mailto:smgianino@bellsouth.net) and names for Pres., VP. (1 nominee Louie Ivey), Treas., Sec., or Member Coordinator so ballots can be made.
- JAN 9, CCBA Mentor Meeting
- JAN 11 CCBA Business Meeting.
- JAN 2021, at present will still plan for display at Gold Head State Park. DATE TBA
- NOTICE:**

Zoom Meeting; we had 24 folks at the Ag Extension Office and 3 members on Zoom! This will be how our meetings will go from here on in until we get the virus under control. We can hold 50 members at the Ag Ext Office. Saturday our Mentor meeting held 6 at 8AM and 8 at 9AM.

**++ Bernadette is looking for bees wax for projects: [bmillyd@gmail.com](mailto:bmillyd@gmail.com)**

**Old Business:** -- Our CCBA Association **Caps are \$15** see Ray. Our logo on your Polo shirt \$10, Our new logo is available at Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall.

--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 charity programs, submit any programs to her.

--Register your hives with Mosquito Control Board (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. Aerial spraying is not currently done in Clay County**

**\*\*Frank will post the Mosquito Control and Beekeepers info on the Web site.**

**\*\*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 904-466-3613, John Boeckstiegel 904-673-8480 & Cross Middleton (Louie's Nephew) 904-657-6704.

7:10 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting.

7:10 Secretary, minutes for SEP meeting approved as emailed.

-- Treasurers Report \$794409 approved as read. Ray sent our \$250 ea for our 2 Grad Students at UF and they will report on their studies next year. Dave read their thank you notes.

7:15 President's Report

--Nectar is decreasing, start feeding your bees if you have not. Check for Mites now is good time to treat them. Brood Booster and Beetle Grease recipes on the Web site.

--Hive Management: You should be feeding your bees 1:1 solution, nectar flow is still slow. Bottle Brush, Spanish Needle, Asters and Black-Eyed Suzy blooming now.

-- Apiary Report, continue to check and treat for Mites. REMEMBER you cannot have honey supers on during these treatments, it will be absorbed into the honey.

**\*\*We have 6 Hives now 2 with double deeps and 9 NUCS with Supers. 2 NUCS have been disbursed from the Lottery. For those interested:** You MUST be a member of CCBA with a Mentor (call Ray or Dave). We will start the Lottery again in the Spring.

**\*\*Email Susan Welch with your request: First up will be folks without any bees.**  
[swelch5210@gmail.com](mailto:swelch5210@gmail.com).

**\*\*Skip Blackwell**, Hives and More, says **that if you want a queen order NOW**, next week will be the LAST delivery till 2021.

\*\*Mentor Report: 14 members were at the Apiary Sat, Cassidy was filming for our Beginner Bee Class, OCT 24, with Rick Kline carrying the demonstration show.

--Membership Report: 2 new members this month, \$15 per yr for each voting member.

1. Thanks for the Peanut Butter for the Clay Ext Pantry Challenge, the FL Peanut Growers will match all donations for the Food Bank. Bring to meetings or to Ag Ctr directly.
2. Pop Tops for charities, if you have a charity that accepts then let Susan know, currently we are collecting for the Hickory Grove Nursery helping families with childcare.
3. Thanks to all who have paid their dues early for 2021, dues forms are on the Web site and will be attached to these minutes for mail in dues.

7:25 Speaker: Dave Westerfelt; Retired Chief Agricultural Ctr and CEO of the FL Beekeeper Association and self-proclaimed 50-year beekeeper. Discussing the Race of the Honeybee we would prefer to have. Generally, this area prefers Italian Golden for Backyard Beekeepers. We also have Buckfast, Yugo Tabber and Starline...all hybrids.

Mrs Obama had honeybees added to the White House and Mrs Pence is a Registered Beekeeper. Please look at our Website under our "About Us" for the video presentation.

Note the Florida State Beekeepers will have their annual meeting in NOV, date pending.

8PM Dave noted that our DEC meeting we can have our Semi-Annual Party....because this year being what it is we will send our a survey asking if you want a party, if so how many will attend and how to vote electronically if you cannot attend in person. If we do not have a dinner we will meet to vote and have a modified meeting.

\*\* Dr Ellis is now holding virtual classes for the American Bee Journal

8:15 Dave read the thank you letters from the Grad Students at UF who received our \$250 donations and will be future speakers in 2021 discussing their projects.

8:20 Raffle held for members present.

8:30 Motion passed to adjourn.

Sue Gianino,

Secretary

*Honey bees, otherwise known as the Angels of Agriculture, are the strongest link in the chain between food producers*