



CCBA Meeting Minutes SEP 10, 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 and MENTOR Trainer/Coordinator**: 904-284-5317, Luke Harlow **AG Rep**: 904-284-6355. Ralph White: **Organizer Face Book: Clay County Beekeepers Association and 4-H Club**, 904-514-9927 and, Frank Gianino, **WEB Organizer**: <http://claybees.com>, 904-276-5921. **Dave Sieruta: **Education/Speakers** Phone 904-282-2193

DATES to KNOW:

--**SEPT 15** Mentor Meeting at **9 AM** due to heat (also in OCT)

-- SEPT 29 Beginner Bee Class at AG Center; Volunteers needed to assist at 8:30 for bottling honey, passing lunch, assist with Apiary. CCBA to donate cost of lunch.

--Oct 7 Farmer's Mkt Orange Park 10-3PM

-- OCT 12-13 UF Bee College UF Gainesville at New Bee Lab, CCBA to raffle one ticket tonight and one ticket Sept 10.

Old Business: Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15, our logo on your shirt \$10. See Ray for caps and Sue for Shirts.

-- Mentor List is available: members requesting a Mentor, call Ray Vickerman 904-284-5317 or Dave Sieruta 904-282-2193.

**Fran Fowler is collecting Pop tops from cans to go to K9s Vets program.

7:00 PM Meeting Opened by Dave Sieruta. Welcomed new members, new 4H members & visitors. He noted that Mike Streebing cannot use his UF Bee College ticket so tonight we will raffle that one plus one more for the OCT 12 & 13 at UF Gainesville. John Boecksticel brought his Tee shirt sample and anyone wanting sign the sheet passed around and put your size request: S-1X \$10, 2X-3X \$12 or Contact Sue.

-Secretary noted 2 corrections to last month's minutes from Ray Vickerman.

-President Report: keep feeding your bees, our Mentor meeting Sat will be checking our hives according to Ray's sheet and harvesting our honey from the Australian Super.

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-Last Sat was the Master Gardener's Plant sale; 4H Club made \$300 on their honey sale: Thanks to Dori and Ralph & Jason Salls for answering questions & selling honey.

-Bob McKenney brought a frame in with foundation that has mold stored 6 months with moth crystals. From Ray V. clean mold with bleach and rinse well, the bees will work with it after that.

- CCBA attended 10 hour Jacksonville's Bee Open House AUG 25: thanks to Dave, Sue, Kenneth Harper and Steve Whitley for helping; Jax Bees & Nassau Bees plus our 4H Club were represented. There were 10-15,000 visitors. Dave gave "Intro into Beekeeping" class. We have been asked to return next year and rec'd a Thank you Letter from Mike Leach.

-The UF Bee Lab Open House was a big success our name on their big honeycomb plaque for our \$1000 donation to the Observation Hives they will have soon.

-TREASURER report \$7370.19 accepted. Cost; honey labels, Fall Festival and UF.

- Apiary Report: 5 hives;3 strong, brood added to weak hives & beetle grease.

- Vice-Pres Blooming rept: Golden Rod, Spanish Thistle, Asters, Match Heads.

-REMEMBER: Mentor Meeting **this month and Oct 9AM** to attend hives first.

7:10 Guest Speaker is Ray Vickerman: "How to Inspect your Hives". His power point will be copied onto the Web site and copies made so everyone has a check sheet. The check sheet is useful to stay organized when you inspect your hives & for follow up checks. If you notice bees on the ground check the hive for Nosema or Tracheal Mites. It is best to look at your hives with the sun over your shoulder enabling you to see the eggs and larva much better. There should be bees on all frames. 5 Frames should have brood with 8-9 frames with bees. When Supers are 1/2 full of honey add second super. Check frames for bad comb, temperament of the bees should be calm, if you add any meds note the date. Use pollen supplement for splits in the spring and pollen patties may attract Hive Beetles so use sparingly. NOV-JAN is considered our Winter. When you transfer bees to another hive spray with sugar water or heavy smoke so they all smell the same and they will assimilate much easier.

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8:30 Dave has 10 pkgs ordered for Spring for \$88; remember packaged bees set hives back about 21 days for the hive started. NUCs are faster but may have hive beetles or other infestation started. Consider both. **Contacts:** Paul Murry, John from Miss Bee Haven and Skip all sell bees. The CCBA may have 3 NUCS available by Spring.

--Great news; we had 24 people (1 New) present with 2 Guests tonight

-- Mentor program, **15 mbrs at our Mentor Meeting Sep 15. Call Dave or Ray to sign up for the Mentor Program & to start your NUC for \$50/ Call Ray to for the Mentor program. **SAT 9/15.** Mentor Mtg** treated Hive Beetles and took the 2 weak hives down to NUCS, opened the Australian Super harvesting 1 GAL honey.

8:40 Raffle held: Huey Forquet and Sue Welch won the tickets to the Bee College.

8:45 There will be an Ex Committee meeting Wed to review & change as needed our Constitution and By Laws allowing us to become a "Not For Profit" Organization.

--Sue will get Rays Check Sheet on the Web and on FB for all.

--Dave still planning a meeting of all NE FL Bee Clubs for JAN/FEB.2018

****NOTE Elections at DEC meeting**, anyone who would like to run for Pres, V-Pres, Treas or Secretary please submit nominees Oct and Nov.

8:50 Meeting Adjourned and Ray V. will stay for 15 min to discuss any bee issues.

Next Meeting OCT 8 Next Mentor Meeting OCT 13, 9AM

****Special Note:** We are losing Ray Zerba to his Daughter and Grandchild in NY. We will miss him and his special affiliation with our Club since its inception over 13 years ago! He was one of our organizers with Cal Wilcox for the NEFL Honeybee Assoc, helped set up our Constitution and By Laws and he was best known for his speakers from UF, from overseas, Florida and our local area. Best Wishes Ray.

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