



CCBA Meeting Minutes SEP 14, 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**, 352-9927

DATES to KNOW:

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2021 DUES DUE NOW**
- Oct 4, Orange Park Farmers Mkt 10-3PM
- Oct 10, CCBA Mentor meeting at the Apiary 8AM or 9 AM please register with the Clay Extension Office when Susan Welch puts out the link. (Mask required).
- Oct 12, CCBA Business Meeting 7PM with Dave Westerfeld as our speaker. (Mask required).
- Oct 17 & 18 The Orange Park Fall Festival 10-5PM.
- OCT 24, will be the 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.
- DEC 14, CCBA Business Meeting and possibly our Semi-Annual Dinner.
- JAN 2021, at present will still plan for display at Gold Head State Park.

NOTICE:

Second Zoom Meeting; we had 24 folks at the Ag Extension Office and 6 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 7 at 8AM and 5 at 9AM.

++ Bernadette is looking for bees wax for projects: bmillyd@gmail.com

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. Our new logo is available at Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall.

-- 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.

--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) 904-657-6705.

7:08 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting, we had one new Member, Helen Gain. .

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

-- Treasurers Report \$7843.28 approved as read. Dave noted that \$8.75 was paid for our Tax-Exempt Form that is approved for 5 years and can be used for purchases for the Bee Assoc. And our annual report of \$70 was paid, it was waiting for our EIN number to be given. And with that Dave will submit our report to the IRS this month. Ray also sent our \$250 ea for our 2 Grad Students at UF and they will report on their studies next year.

7:15 President's Report

--Thank you to Sue and Sue and Bob Welch, Ray Vickerman, Cheryl Parrish, Sue Gianino for their help bottling our honey (3-5-Gal Orange Blossom and 3-5 Gal Gallberry. For our members \$7 for the 24 oz and \$5 for the 16 oz for all else \$15 for 14 oz and \$10 for the 16oz. Our old Gallberry that has a bitter taste can be used for your Beetle Grease for \$4.

--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 bees are hatching and Mites will surge: Apivar I a 42-day treatment, Oxalic Acid treatment is in 3 doses. REMEMBER you cannot have honey supers on during these treatments, it will be absorbed into the honey. For those using Powder Sugar treatments, continue. Keep inspecting for Hive Beetles. Remember to make our Beetle Grease

the directions are on the Web site. Dave noted that the Apiary is doing very well with only a few Hive Beetles. ****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)

****Email Susan Welch with your request: First up will be folks without any bees. AUG 22 is our planned date to draw the lottery: swelch5210@gmail.com.**

7: 25 Membership Report: no new members this month, \$15 per yr for each voting member.

7:25 New Business: Anyone wanting to run for President, V-Pres, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coord we will be voting in DEC, submit names to Sue G. smgianino@bellsouth.net

7:25 Speaker: Jerry Latner of Dadant in High Springs FL, Getting Bees ready for Winter.

--Spanish Needle growing well in Lake County also Love Bugs increasing. Bees are swarming, be sure your bees have room to make honey. In about a month consider replacing your Queens if needed. Drones will be kicked out for Fall and Winter and little chance of mating.

--Struggling hives now will be struggling in Spring, make them NUCS, combine with other hives, add more bees and brood to strengthen them.

--Treat Mites before Winter. DEC 15 stare Pollen Patties. DEC Maples will start to bloom and by FEB 14 you can starts Splits.

--Ants are bad this year (we also talked about this at the mentor Meeting Sat). To help, make an island of your hive on blocks, raise it up 12-14" above ground.

-To strengthen hives in JULY, consider Pollen Patties to build up queens and brood BUT it can draw SHB and treat accordingly. Here Spring starts DEC 26th. He noted that JAX and GCS are great Honeybee raising areas!

--He has not had great success with Oxalic Acid, they use splits to break the SHB breeding cycle. Many others use Oxalic Acid with success—personal choice, they will use Apigard around Thanksgiving.

--When in season you want to see multicolor pollen coming in for great protein sources.

Sometimes moving the Colony just a mile if possible will increase the food sources.

--A Shake Out is done late in the day after forging, using the middle frames, shake them over a paper, if you see a lot of nectar they do not need sugar water, if you get a little from the frame, the bees are eating more than they have and sugar water may be necessary.

--Requeen if needed. You can always call High Springs apiary for queens, not ready yet but you can call for dates and any questions.

--Libby McAlley made several Bee masks she sold tonight for \$5.

--Dave asked how the Zoom was going and we had 3 thumbs-up, tonight we had Matt Pence use his camera and the reception was particularly good! Thanks Matt! Dave and Frank will investigate buying a camera for our Association for \$100-150. **Voted on and approved.**

8 PM It was noted that the bees are somewhat aggressive---we are still in a Dearth and they may be defending their hive and honey, also lizards can be a problem.

8:20 Raffle held for members present.

8:25 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