

CCBA Meeting Minutes AUG 13, 2018 (Corrected 9/13/18)

*. 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:

- AUG 18 Jacksonville Bee Festival 10AM - 7PM Jacksonville Fair Grounds, parking \$5
- AUG 24-25 UF Open House at the Bee Lab Gainesville, FL Free Admission, Ribbon Cutting 8/24 at 11AM. Caravan leaving Ag Center at 9AM Thursday
- SEPT 2 Orange Park Farmers Mkt starts again from 10-3PM
- *-- SEPT 8 Master Gardeners Plant Sale and 4H Honey Sale 8AM -2PM, AG Center
- SEPT 10 Business Meeting 7PM
- SEPT 15** Mentor Meeting at 9 AM due to heat
- 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 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, Ralph 352-514-9927 or Dave Sieruta 904-282-2193.

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

7:04 PM Meeting Opened by Dave Sieruta. Welcomed new members, new 4H members and visitors:

7:10 July was the Semiannual Dinner. June Business Minutes accepted as posted on email. Sue read the Executive Meeting Minutes from JULY 23.

Treasurer Report \$8688.32 accepted as read.

**Our New Member John Boeckstiedl has offered to make T-shirts for our Association in addition to our polo shirt motif for a reduced price at his shop. They will be yellow with a honeycomb design on the back and the Clay County Beekeepers Logo on the front. He will bring a sample next meeting and will sizes from S-XL. He also has stickers for the CCBA that can be used on a variety of things.

7:15 President's report: We have received a "Thank You" Letter from the UF Bee Lab for our donation of \$1000 and they told us it will be used for their Observation Hive.

--Hive management: Be sure to feed your bees now, there is little blooming at this time.

You can still make your splits. Make sure your honey is capped before you extract it.

*** Mite Check your hives: Which ever your use; the alcohol method or the powdered sugar method to count your mites. Take the number of mites you find and divide by 300 to get your percentage of infestation. If your find it is over 4% you need to treat your hives. If you use medicinal products/poisons you cannot use your super, it will absorb the poison and ruin your honey.

--Great news; we had 22 people at our AUG Mentor Meeting.

--Spanish Needle and Crepe Myrtle are blooming.

-- Mentor program, Ray reported there are 5-6 Mentors. Call Dave or Ray if you signed up for the Mentor Program and to start your NUC for \$50 Call Ray to for the Mentor program.

7:25 Speaker is Ray Lattner, Manager for Dadant and Sons in Gainesville FL. Mr Lattner donated a Queen to our raffle tonight. He is speaking on Queens.

--Anyone who has made a blind split is essentially rearing Queens.

--Cell Production: To get the hive ready to make a queen you must remove the current queen causing the hive to make an Emergency Queen. Start by passing a closed NUC box with many bees: Nurse bees are needed, 2 frames of honey on the outside of the box, 2 frames of pollen and one center frame of cell cups with larva, set in a cool place. You can prime the cells with a drop of Royal Jelly.. Timing is critical and spring is the best for younger bees, better weather, pollen and nectar. Leave the bees no longer than 48 hours, then transfer to another hive with its queen in the bottom of a double deep and the queen cells in the upper box, put all the bees back into the hive. They will care for the Queens but may also make supercedure cells or swarm in confusion. If there are several queens get them all into a NUC to start a new hive, put plenty of nurse bees in to help them. The queens will hatch, mate and return to the hive.

--If you get into queen rearing you will want to invest in a starter box/ incubator.

7:40 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raffle held: Mike Strebing won the ticket to the Bee College.

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

Submitted for approval,

Sue Gianino,

Secretary