



* 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.** Ralph White: **4H Club**, 352-9927

DATES to KNOW:

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). Membership sheet on our Web Site
- Aug 29, 9AM Honey Bottling, volunteers needed: bring funnels, spoons, strainers
- Sept 6, Orange Park Farmers Market 10-3PM, masks voluntary
- Sept 12, CCBA Mentor Meeting 8 AM and 9 AM the numbers are limited, and the Eventbrite site will be sent out to register to all members.
- Sept 14, CCBA Business Meeting 7PM, limited to 50, members only.
- Sept 26, will be the Fall Beginner Bee Course 8-3PM. If all goes well it will be at the Clay County Extension Office 2462 SR 16W, Green Cove Springs, FL. If there are further restrictions it will be held by Zoom with the Eventbrite web to be sent out.
- Oct 17 & 18 The Orange Park Fall Festival 10-5PM, our location will be forthcoming.

--NOTICE:

This is our first meeting since MAR and our first Zoom Meeting; we have 18 folks at the Ag Extension Office and 11 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 but this was a great showing and fun to contact everyone. Louie was with us on Zoom.

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 and John Boeckstiegel.

7:00 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting, we had no new Members. .

-- Secretary, minutes for MAR meeting approved as emailed; No minutes from Mar to now because of the Chinese Virus limitations.

-- Treasurers Report \$1785.03 approved as read.

--Hive Management: You should have extracted your honey by now. Now is the time to check and treat for Mites: 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 are in a Dearth now so feed your bees until Sept.

--Apiary Report, Dave announced that Louie Ivey is on Chemo and will not be back to the Apiary for some time, he is in good spirits, so glad he checked in on Zoom and we could all say HI!.

Many thanks to Cheryl Parish and Barbara Perkins who have been filling in esp. because the Apiary has been closed due to this Chinese Virus: We lost our Top Bar hive over the Summer.

****We have 4 Hives now and 9 NUCS with Supers. Probably we will split next month to hopefully get up to 10 NUCS for the Lottery. For those interested:**

-You MUST be a member of CCBA with a Mentor (call Ray or Dave)

-We will sell the NUC of bees from the Apiary for \$55, you will need to purchase your own Queen. We are not registered to sell Queens. (Dadant, Roberts, in GA) and Hives and More will be able to help with queen purchases. Be sure to use a reliable Queen distributor.

-You will need to bring your NUC box with your Queen and exchange 5 clean frames of foundation and we will give you 5 frames full of brood & bees.

****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.**

--Membership Report: no new members this month.

7:15 Mentor Report, Ray Vickerman reports that all members got to see the hives Saturday. At 8 AM there were 10 members and at 9 we had 4 folks. They checked for Hives Beetles and noted one hive has a lot of Drones and they could not find the queen. So, they added brood to the box to be sure they could make a queen if necessary.

7:18 Q&A

- Cassidy announced the Beginner Bee Course is tentative for **Sept 26**. It may need to be online depending on the new COVID updates or postponed.

-John Boeckstiegel asked about late Fall Splits. To do this be aware you need a lot of Drones or buy a Queen to ensure good mating and survival through the Winter. Ray noted that you can raise a queen up to the first of NOV for Splits and that splitting will help reduce Mites.

--Sue G announced that she and Christine N. went to our first OP Market this month and we had a bee removal request from Kyle (Susan W. sent it out to all). We are registered for the OP Fall Festival due Oct 17&18.

--Matt Pence demonstrated his home-made Oxalic Acid vaporizer, John B. showed us his oxalic acid kit. They use the 4GMS of Oxalic Acid per hive. The FDS wants 1GM used but that has been proven ineffective. Cameron Jack from FS Bee Collage is writing to the FDA with his results and requesting the larger dosing.

--Question. does anyone use another form of Oxalic Acid....Matt said he did not have good results with another method and Dave noted most use Vaporizer.

--Sue G mentioned any precautions for Hurricane Season...Dave noted that tie downs work very well and cinder blocks on top of the hives. Most important be sure you are not going to be flooded, move your hives. Dorie noted she used Dog tie anchors with straps.

--When will we have the new logo on shirts or caps. OP Mall at Stich by Stich has our Logo, caps will cost \$15 and you buy your shirt and they will put the Logo on for \$10. We still have

our old caps with the CCBA logo, but we have not purchased the new logo yet. John B can do tee shirts with a pocket in his silk screen style.

--Web question...Is anyone selling masks with bees on them. Libby McAlley made hers and will check to see if she can get more materials. John B can make some also.

--We turned the camera out onto the Members for a Group HI to Louie.

--Dave asked how the Zoom was going and we had 3 thumbs-up, but Dave noted he must remember to stay in front of the camera and not wonder around the room.

--Remember to sign up for the Mentor Meeting Sept 12 so we can keep the numbers in check.

--Honey results: John B. got 22.5 Gal, Dave had 6 (5) Gal Buckets 100#, Libby and Mike also had a great honey harvest.

--Middleburg Library is still waiting to open so Dave and the 4H group can set up their hive.

--It was noted that a Vendor on Blanding on the Western Store has a Honey Kiosk set up.

7:50 Raffle held for members present.

7:55 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