



CCBA Meeting Minutes FEB 8, 2021

VIRTUAL meeting

\* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee:

\*Dave Sieruta **PRES: Apiary, Education/Speakers** 904-282-2193, dtussie@aol.com

\*Dorie Kline **V-Pres & Face Book Organizer: Clay County Beekeepers Association** 904-616-2723. rickdori@aol.com

\*Sue Gianino **SEC:** 904-276-5921, smgianino@bellsouth.net

\*Ray Vickerman **TREAS & MENTOR Trainer:** 904-284-5317,

\*Susan Welch, **MEMBERSHIP Coordinator & DUES Collector, 4H Club** 727-204-6626. swelch5210@gmail.com

\*Cassidy Dossin **AG Rep:** 904-284-6300, cdossin@ufl.edu

\*Frank Gianino **WEB site Claybees.com:** 904-276-5921, fwgianino@bellsouth.net

\*Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.**

ZOOM meeting tonight 7 members present with 19 present at JP Hall.

**DATES to KNOW:**

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\*: (pay Sue Welch). **2021 DUES DUE** every OCT – DEC. Renewal sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.

--**FEB 11, Dave Sieruta needs your money, cash or check for your package of bees BY 2/14**

--FEB 13 Mentor Meeting 10 AM **JP Hall Building on the CC Fair Grounds** \*\*enter the Fair Grounds on State RD 16 at the Fair entrance and follow signs for building location.

--FEB 13, Mentor Class at 12 PM, 1.5 hours, contact Ray V. (904-284-5317) to be a Mentor

-- FEB 20, Beginner Bee Class, in person at JP Hall Building 8 to 3:30. Virtual, **Link TBA**

-- MAR 7, Orange Park Farmers Mkt 10-3

-- MAR 8, Member Meeting; Speaker Rick Kline on Installing Bee Packages

-- MAR 13, Mentor Meeting 10-12 JP Hall Bld

-- **MAR 17 pick up your Package of Bees from Dave** between 4-5 pm, call first.

-- **MAR 20, Honey House Clean UP 9 AM**

-- MAR 27, Bottling Honey at Susan Welch Barn 9AM bring honey buckets, towels, tools. 3749 Randall Rd, Green cove springs, FL

--APRIL 1-10 Clay County Fair and Honey House will be open, contact Susan Welch or Sue Gianino to volunteer---dates and times will be posted.

**Old Business**:-- Our CCBA Association **Caps are \$15** see Ray. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$10 (see Sue G or available at Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall). John Boeckstiegel has T-shirts with new logo for S-LG \$10 for XL-XXXL \$15.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman or Dave Sieruta. Mentors currently are Huey Forquet, Rick and Dorie Kline, John Riley, Dave Sieruta, Ray Vickerman, and Ralph White.

--**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 has posted the Mosquito Control and Beekeepers info on the Web site.**

--**Swarm collection; 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 904-657-6704.

7:00 PM Dorie opened the meeting talking about Walk Away Splits with NUCS/Brood boxes.

7:25 Dave Sieruta opened the meeting. 3 new members.

-- Secretary, minutes for FEB meeting approved as emailed.

-- Treasurers Report \$8227.33 approved as read.

-- President's Report and -- Hive management: Keep building your hives with Sugar Water 1:1, Maples, Spanish Needle, Peaches, Plums are all blooming but not enough to support the hive yet. Can use artificial pollen or pollen patties. Use them inside the hive.

-- Don't open your hives if 50 degrees. At 60 degrees you can open the hive for inspections and not fear Brood Kill. Get your equipment: hives and tools ready.

--Apiary Report: continue to check and treat for Mites. There are 6 active hives and 7 NUCS with Supers and the bees are active. Planning to do splits this Sat at the mentor meeting.

Ray has noted Drones in his hives, remember do not try splits without Drones.

7:30 Mentor Report: Ray Mentorship Trainer class for FEB 13 after the Mentor Meeting.

To become a mentor pls contact Ray or Dave, training lasts approx. 1.5 hours. Currently 4 folks signed up. We have members now in St Johns, Duval and MacClenny.

--Don't forget to register your hives with the state, site on the Web Page. The inspectors come and offer helpful hints and will inspect for American Foul Brood.

7:35 Membership Coordinator noted we have over 130 members. And as our Superintendent for the Honey House in Old Florida she asks for patience during all the COID restrictions.

Thanks for your support and still collecting dues for 2021. Good news is we are planning for the Clay County Fair this year and we will be having Honey for sale, tasting and 2 raffles.

\* Work day to clean the Honey House is MAR 20 at 9AM

\* Honey Bottling for the Fair is MAR 27 at 9AM at Susan W. home

7:40 Dave is our speaker tonight on Splits we will post the Zoom when available. We do splits to decrease swarming, to reduce mites and increase your apiary. Make sure there are enough bees to keep the brood and queen warm should the temps drop through MAR or when night time temps stay above 50 degrees. You can provide a queen for your split or allow the bees to make one from the eggs. You will want to have 2 hives and a NUC to keep your bees healthy.

8:25 OLD BUSINESS:

--- **Lou Ivey Memorial**: Bottle Brush tree, 30Gal and 6 ft high for \$199. Any donations can be given to Ray V. the rest will come from our funds.

--Package bees 3# with Queen are \$99 and sold out. They will be here MAR 17 after 5PM at Dave Sieruta home: 2686 Henley Rd, Green Cove Springs. Call First. 904-282-2193

#### NEW BUSINESS:

--The Ex-Committee met JAN 6 for the budget plan. The Budget for 2021 is updated to \$8701. (attached)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Speaker for March: Rick Kline on Swarm traps

-- Sue G. read 2 Thank you notes and gave a gift card to Dave for sugar purchases.

--Raffle held donated from Hives and More

8:45 Motion to adjourn.

Sue Gianino,

Secretary

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



### Membership Application

Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7PM.

Mentor meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10AM until 12 Noon.

All meetings are held at the Clay Co. Agricultural Extension Office.

2463 State Road 16 W, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, (904) 284-6355.

Our mission is the development and promotion of practical beekeeping methods and to act as an educational resource to the community and the general public.

Membership dues are \$15 per year per voting member.

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Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

If a couple:

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make Checks Payable to: Clay County Beekeepers Association

Mail application and check to:

Susan Welch

2463 State Road 16

Green cove springs, FL 23043