



CCBA Meeting Minutes JAN 10, 2022

35 Present//7 on Zoom// Mentor mtg 20 mbrs

**\*AMENDED DATES FOR CCF BUSINESS**

**\* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee:**

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

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\*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.**

**DATES to KNOW:**

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\*: (pay Sue Welch). **2022 DUES** OCT – MAR. Renewal sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.

-- FEB 6 Orange Park Market 10-3

-- FEB 8 FEB EXPANSION OF APIARY at 10AM; **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

-- FEB 12 CCBA Mentor meeting 10-12PM

-- FEB 14 CCBA Meeting 7PM

-- **FEB 26 Beginner Bee Course 8-3:30**

-- MAR 6 Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- **MAR 11-12 Bee College**

-- **MAR19 Honey House Clean-Up CHANGED DATE**

-- **MAR 26 Honey Bottling for Clay County Fair CHANGED DATE**

-- **MAR 31- APR 19 Clay County Fair**

-- **NEW for 2022 Spring:** Farm Bureau Farmers Market at Farm Bureau on Henley Rd 8-12Pm \$5 per table Honey/Wax/etc. can be sold here. You can purchase your own table. The CCBA will have an Information table set up. This is a new venue for any member. Cross Middleton, with the Farm Bureau, #904 657 6704 for questions. It will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat each month.

**Old Business:**-- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 see Ray. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$10 (see Sue G. or Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall). John Boeckstiegel has ash & yellow color Golf-shirts with logo: S-LG \$11, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$12, XXL \$14.

-- Our CCBA Honey for sale to members \$5 / small 16 oz jar.

-- Mentors are available, call Ray Vickerman or Dave Sieruta. Mentors currently are Huey Forquet (Orange Park and Baker County), Rick and Dorie Kline and Ralph White (Middleburg), John Riley & Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Ray Vickerman (Green Cove Springs) Bob McKenney (Orange Park), Joe Geisel (ST Augustine) and Ken Harp (Keystone Heights).

--Rick Kline noted a lot of the tools and displays in the Honey House are missing over the years

ANYONE wishing to donate old equipment, hive tools, information, pictures bring it in.

--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, Ralph White 352-514-9927, Dorie and Rick Kline 904-571-3070, Bob McKenney 904-891-5758

\*\*\*\*\*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 and your hives location. Aerial spraying is not currently done in Clay County.

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

7:00 PM Dave opened the meeting we had 1 new member and 1 guest tonight.

-- Apiary Report: 5 Full Hives and 15 NUCS all doing fine feeding sugar water 1:1. Drone Cells are starting to emerge, watch for Swarm signs. All due to a very mild winter with early blooming on trees and plants esp Red Maples, Mexican Sun Flowers, Spanish Needle, Bottle Brushes... Splits are usually done FEB 14 schedule but with Drones and hives building up now be sure you have queens before you split your hives. The Drone cycle takes 24 days, Queens need 16 days to hatch, Workers take 21. Check your hives for Drone cells.

-- Secretary, -There are no minutes from DEC dinner Meeting \*\* December VOTE; all Executive Board Members were re-elected.

-- Treasurers Report \$15,794.09. Report accepted and Approved.

-- Presidents Report: Monitor hives for mites and SHB treat with Beetle Grease or Powder Sugar.

-- Membership Coordinator and Honey House Superintendent: Susan Welch; we have 193 members and we need your 2022 dues from now till APR, forms here tonight and on the web site. Tomorrow the names for the members who would like to attend the Clay County Fair Luncheon MAR 27 will be

turned in pls see Susan tonight to sign up. Also CCF volunteers sign up is needed now for your ticket or badge.. CCF From MAR 31-APR 19 so you can check your schedules and plan ahead.

7:30 Dave presented Certificates of Appreciation to Barbara Perkins, Cheryl Parrish and Don Comer for all their help in 2021.

7:45 Dave presented the 2022 Budget and the Income and Expenses for 2021 presented on ZOOM meeting and will be on the Web site under PESENTERS section.

Planned Budget **2022** \$11,049.94 (VOTED/**APPROVED**) Budget for **2021** \$8701.00.

2021 Budget was Total Income \$14,885.04/ Total Expenses \$9,419.28, Profit \$5465.76.

- Because we are a Non-Profit Organization we will add 2 more tickets to the bee College this year since last year was cancelled and we will increase the amt of our Raffles amts and give back more to our members.
- We now have the Alvin Moore Fund: Alvin passed away in DEC and his family requested that in lieu of flowers anyone could donate to the CCBA. We amassed \$625.00. The Ex Committee offers some plans for the fund:1) It could help the CCF Honey House with a “Buzz Phone” for the children to use,(Colleen Marsteller volunteered to find this along with Sue G and Dorie) **APPROVED** 2) Ray Vickerman motion to buy 5 Beginner Bee Ticket for a new members for FEB 26, \$150, **APPROVED** 3) Donation to the 4-H for Future Beekeepers motion from Mat Pence **APPROVED**. Dave read Alvin’s Lifetime Achievement Award and offered the CCBA buy another Bottle Brush tree for the Apiary and a Plaque from Huey Forquet to be presented to the family. Ray will also keep the family informed of how the money is spent and Susan W. will write thank you noted to all donators.

--Dave planned the Apiary Expansion for FEB 8 at 10AM

8:30 Raffle

8:45 Adjourn \*\* NOTE Don Comer submitted a picture of his Swarm Trap to the Bee Culture Calendar and was selected as the MAR 2022 page.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary

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

Clay County Beekeepers Association



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

