



CCBA Meeting Minutes JAN 11,2021

VIRTUAL meeting

\* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee:

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

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

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

#### **DATES to KNOW:**

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

--FEB 7 OP Market 10-3pm

--FEB 8, CCBA Membership Meeting, speaker Mike McCalley on Swarm Traps (VIRTUAL)

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

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

-- FEB 20, Beginner Bee Class, Possibly virtual but place TBA

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

--JAN, Gold Head State Park. **CANCELLED** for 2021

--APRIL 4-11 at present Clay County Fair and Honey House will be open, contact Susan Welch or Sue Gianino to volunteer---dates and times will be posted

ZOOM meeting Mentor Meeting JAN 9, 15 members present with 11 on Video

Zoom Meeting; virtual tonight, with 16 members on Zoom plus EX Committee.

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

-- **Mentors** are available, 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.

--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.**

**\*\*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 904-657-6704.

7:00 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting. No new members this pm.

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

-- Treasurers Report \$8071.33 approved as read.

7:15 President's Report

--Trees and plants are blooming in certain areas of Clay County, keep feeding your bees 1:1 solution. 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 8 NUCS with Supers and the bees are active.

--Mentor Report: Ray reported that there were 15 members present and 11 on ZOOM this last Sat. Spring preparations were discussed. 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.

7:15 Dave Sieruta speaking on NUCs: why we have them and what they are for. He noted that NUCs are available from Robert's Apiary in Jessup, GA, Gardner Baxley in GA, Hives and More will have pkgs available in APR if you have pre-ordered, and Miss Bee Haven usually has Queens and Queen Cells.

--NUCS have 2-5 frames and generally most beekeepers use the 5 frame NUC. The cost can range from \$28-170 depending on the size. NUCS are functional colonies and ready to go into your hive body. Be sure to buy from a reputable dealer. Inspect your NUC for a Queen and at

least 2 frames of brood and larva. Ask if they have had any pesticides. Your NUC or package vender must have a certification from the State.

--A Package of bees is not a NUC. It is 3# of honeybees with a queen cage included. It can take 3-5 days to be delivered and it is recommended that you pick it up from the post office and the price is \$90-140 depending. After you put your package into your hive be patient, after 3-4 days check to see if the bees have released the queen, if not release her.

7:45 Next months speaker will be Mike McCalley on building swarm traps.

OLD BUSINESS:

--The plan for Lou Ivey Living Memorial Bottle Brush Tree is being researched by Dave. Cost will be over \$50; several members have offered to help with the cost including the Ex-Committee. If that is not enough, we will ask the association to vote on the project cost.

--Dave will pick up his Bee Packages Mar 17 from Jessup, GA. He should be back home between 4 and 5 PM and you can mee him there: 2686 Henley RD, GCS, FL 32043. Please call him before coming to ensure he is home (904)-282-2193.

NEW BUSINESS:

--The Ex-Committee met JAN 6 for the budget plan. Budget for 2020 was \$8686.00, Income was \$3861.50, and the Expenses was \$5797.01. Losses were due to inability to meet and loss of the Clay County Fair honey sales. The Budget for 2021 is set at \$8291. (attached)

--Susan W. contacted the Mr. Elrod and the CCF and the Honey House are expected to be operating this year. If you would like to volunteer for the CCF please send an email to Susan W. ([swelch5210@gmail.com](mailto:swelch5210@gmail.com)) or Sue G ([smgianino@bellsouth.net](mailto:smgianino@bellsouth.net)). Susan will also post the dates and times that Old Florida will be open.

--Cassidy noted the Beginner Bee Class still on for FEB 20 place TBA or it may be virtual.

--Dave presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Matt Pence for his terrific work with our Virtual Meetings, ensuring our association can see and hear our speakers while isolated.

8:00 Motion to adjourn.

Sue Gianino,  
Secretary

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