



CCBA Meeting Minutes JULY 10, 2023

Present 38 , Mentor Meeting 20, Zoom 3

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*Christine Nicolodi/ Gary Van Barringer: **Refreshment Coordinators.**

ZOOM meeting is functioning with the AG Center router finally functioning.

DATES to KNOW:

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2023 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail.
- AUG 12, CCBA Mentor meeting 9 AM
- AUG 14, CCBA Member Meeting 7 PM, **Dr. Marley** Iredale of UF, Bee Gut Pathogens.
- AUG 19, Honeybee Festival at the Jacksonville Fair Grounds AUG 19. 10-4 PM volunteers needed
- SEP 3, Orange Park Market Resumes 10-3PM
- SEP 9, CCBA Mentor **Meeting 9 AM TILL OCT then 10-12** (meet at the Apiary first)
- SEP 11, CCBA Member Meeting 7PM
- **SEP 16 NE FL Honeybee Symposium 8AM at the AG Center** EVENTBRITE TBA
- SEP 23, Beginner Bee Course 8:30-3PM Volunteers needed
- OCT 12-14 FL State Beekeeper Annual Convention in Orange County, Hotel Available.
- OCT 21-22, Orange Park Fall Festival.10-5

Old Business: -- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 available at check in. 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 silk screen logo: S-LG \$11, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$12, XXL \$14.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman or Dave Sieruta. Mentors currently are Huey Forquet (Orange Park and Baker County), Rick and Dorie Kline (Middleburg), Libby and Mike McCalley

(Orange Park and Fleming Island), 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), Barbara Perkins (Melrose), Susan and Bob Welch (GCS). Jurgen & Sylvia May (Polk City)

--Swarm collection; let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone on the Website. Please check the Web site for Swarm Collection and Cut Out folks.

-- HONEY FOR SALE: let Frank know if you have honey for sale and he will put it on our web site. We sold out of our honey at the CC Fair this year.

*****Beekeepers MUST Re-Register your hives with Mosquito Control Board (904) 284-6357, Check out Clay County Mosquito Control OR Call Lita Hornsby Manager to give her your location and your hives location. **Frank has posted the Mosquito Control and Beekeepers info on the Web site. **Records are incomplete after computer failure in 2022. *****Please Re Register CORRECTED PHONE NUMBER LISTED

--7:05 Dave opened the meeting and welcomed 2 new members Chuck and Dona Rolland from Union County Bee Club.

--Secretary E-Minutes accepted as read

--Treasurer \$20,056.30 approved

--President's Report.

Monitor for SHB and Mites and treat as needed. 3/100 mites is a 30% infestation-TREAT. You can use Powder Sugar or alcohol wash or Dawn wash.

Still OK to split but it would be better to buy a queen vs rearing your own due to increased in Dragonflies this time of year. Splits also help reduce mite and SHB populations.

Swarms are still possible check your Swarm Traps and feed your swarms and NUCS till Sep

Process your honey now, if you cannot do it be sure to keep your frames in an air tight or have a dehumidifier going to keep the honey from turning into Mead.

---Apiary Report: 2 Langstroth hives, 16 NUCS and 1 Top Bar Hive

--What's Blooming: Elderberry, Joint Weed, Spanish Thistle, Ligustrum, Mexican Clover.

--Membership Chair: 195 members

7:20 Guest Speaker; Dave Westervelt, Retired FACS, CO Chair Bees Beyond Borders. Getting Your Bees Ready for Winter. Your care starts at the end of August.

Check your hives every 2-3 weeks, now is the time to ensure they are getting plenty of proteins and carbs. Adults feed on pollen and honey and water esp for growth and food production. Without

proper nutrition, the longevity of the hive is greatly reduced over the winter. It will increase the chance of disease and death of the colony. Within a few days 60 thousand bees can eat 3-5 pounds of honey. Honey stored in jars or airtight containers is shelf stable. Honey is a sugar and can ferment and granulate. Tupelo and Sage honey is the most stable from granulation. Honey is the main carbohydrate for the bees. Winterization can take 6 weeks of preparation. It takes 20-40 KG in Winter to keep them fed. Pollen makes for a healthy hive. Supplemental feed includes sugar water 1:1. If you use powdered sugar MAKE SURE it has no Non-caking ingredients. DO NOT USE BROWN SUGAR' Types of Feeders: Top feeders, Entrance and In-hive Feeders. You can also use a plastic zip lock bag with a few holes punched into it and laying across the frames. Pollen Supplements are helpful if the bees are restricted from flying. Google Pollen Substitutes to find out what's out there. \

NEW BUSINESS:

--Dave noted we donate each year to Bees Beyond Borders and a motion was placed that we donate \$300 tonight to BBB. **Approved and done.**

--Beginner Beekeepers Course Sept 13 and Dave proposed that we support 6 new beekeepers with 2 tickets tonight, 2 in AUG and @ in SEP. **APPROVED**

--Volunteers needed for the Honeybee Fest in JAX, a list was passed for sign up.

--We should have 16 NUCS for sale a sheet was passed to sign up lottery.

8:20 Raffle:

8:30 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary

** Rick Hopkins and Lee Salano winners of tickets for Beginner Bee Class.