



CCBA Meeting Minutes JUNE 14, 2021

with VIRTUAL meeting

* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee:

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*Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.**

ZOOM meeting tonight 4 members present with 26 present at Godbold Bld @ Ag Ext Site.

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.

-- Orange Park Mall Sunday Markets are closed until SEPT 5.

-- JULY 10 Mentor **Meeting NEW TIME 9AM**

-- JULY 12, Semiannual Pot Luck Dinner, the Association will provide Fried Chicken, Tea and Lemonade, plates, cups and silverware. **WE BRING OUR BEST Sides , Salads, or Deserts. 7PM**

-- AUG 9, Business Meeting 7 PM

-- AUG 14, Mentor Meeting 9 AM

-- AUG 16-17 and on 20-21 UF **Bee College** (Assoc will purchase 2 tickets for AUG 20-21 raffle)

-- SEPT 18, **Beginner Bee Class**, 8:30-3:30 at Clay Extension Office \$30pp, \$50/couple. \$10 virtual

-- SEPT 25, **2nd Annual NE Honeybee Symposium** \$30pp; 8-4pm: Dr Jamie Ellis Key Note Speaker, Dave Westervelt, Bo Sterk, Rob Horshburgh, Backyard Bee. The Caterer is reserved and **Ray Vickerman will conduct Extracted Honey judging (check claybees.com for honey judging rules and helpful hints).** NOTE: our profits are donated to UF Bee Lab and Bees Without Borders.

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 grey Sport-shirts with new logo for S-LG \$10 for XL-XXXL \$15 and Tee shirts for same prices

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).

--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.

--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.

--The Lou Ivey Living Memorial Bottle Brush Tree is planted at the CCBA Apiary and Dave and Susan will plant the Honey House Tree JUN 16. Ceremony TBA. Huey will make a memorial tile for the apiary and Bill Elrod will donate a plaque for the Honey House Tree.

---Rick Kline noted a lot of the tools and displays in the Honey House are missing over the years and requests that ANYONE who would like to donate old equipment, hive tools, information, pictures let him know.

7:10 PM Dave opened the meeting and welcomed 4 new members 2 Guests and Josh, the President of the Clay County 4-H Stingers. Welcomed all back to the Godbold Bld again.

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

-- Treasurers Report \$15,242.22 approved as read. Income \$485 membership & \$1163 Honey Sales.

7:15 President's Report:

-- Hive management: Check for Swarm Cells and do Splits as needed.

-- Check for Small Hive Beetles (SHB) and Mite populations, treat as needed. Beetle Grease seems effective against both Small Hive Beetles and Mites, the recipe is on the Web Site,

--Apiary Report: There are 6 active hives with our Top Bar alive and well again. There are 24 NUCS with Supers and the bees are active. To qualify for the Lottery program you must see Ray V. for a Mentor & take the Beginner Bee Course. The next one is planned for Sept 18 at the Ag Ext Ctr both virtual and in person. Check with Cassidy for Eventbrite sign up. There is a plan to expand the Apiary another 8 feet.

7:25 What's Blooming: Coral Vine, Bottle Brush, Crepe Myrtle, Swamp Titi, Sandhill Prairie Clover, Spanish Needle, Spiderwort, Butter Mint, Chinese Privet, Elderberry, Red Cabbage Palm, Mexican Clover, Red Bay, Black Mangrove, Swamp Bay, Butter Mint, Chinese Tallow, Dahoon Holly, Dog Hobble, Dahoon Holly, Gopher apple, Possum Haw, Partridge Pea Loblolly bay and Swamp Bay.

Mentor Report: Ray noted we had 26 members present Sat and a Mite was done on the hives using powder sugar. Remember Apiary is now at 9AM. Wear long pants and long sleeves or bee suit. It is good to smoke your hands to cover any angry bee pheromones. **Next Mentor Training set for JUN/JUL** see Ray if interested in being a Mentor esp. you have had your bees for at least 2 years. **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.

7:30 Membership Coordinator thanks to all who renewed and if you are not receiving any emails from Susan please make sure she has your correct email and phone info.

7:33 Ray is our speaker tonight: Hive Inspections with a Video from Ray Vickerman and Ray Kelley. Ray notes hive inspection takes practice and he provided all with a Hive Inspection Check Sheet to help. Insure your outside temps are above 55 degrees, the warmer the better. If you note bees crawling on the ground it could be a problem. Check for Queen Cells, Drone Cells and larvae. If you don't see a queen wait a week to double check that she is missing before introducing another queen into the hive. During Swarm Season check your hives once a week but in the Dearth Jun/Aug check every 2 weeks, same in the Winter when the temps are warm. When you cant get into your hive watch the entrance for activity to let you know how active they are.

(10 min VIDEO) from Ray Kelley.

NEW BUSINESS:

8:18 July 12 Pot Luck Dinner come hungry! Barb Perkins and Susan Welch will coordinate the set up all hands welcome to assist. Counting approx. 60 people.

--Dave S. made a motion to increase the Raffle to \$300. **APPROVED**:

--Dave also requested that the Association reserve 2 paid tickets to the Bee College in AUG since we could not send anyone in the Spring. **APPROVED**

--Dave announced that any member with no bees or one hive that would like to purchase a **CCBA NUC can do so, sign the sheet** that Dorie has passed around.

--Anyone wanting to purchase the new **CCBA Sport Shirt sign up** on the Sheet Sue G has passed around.

--Dave requested that the 4H Stingers be invited to our JULY Dinner: **APPROVED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Dave noted that we have a lot of the 24oz jars with caps for sale at \$0.70 ea for members. Call him
8:40 Raffle done.

--AUG Meeting Speaker; Ray Vickerman on Honey Judging. We can use only our plastic 24 oz
bottles with lids and they can be purchased from Dave at \$0.70 ea (CCBA mbr price).

8:47 Meeting adjourned.

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 2nd Monday of the month at 7PM.

Mentor meetings are held on the 2nd 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.

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

If a couple:

Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Clay County Beekeepers Association

Mail application and check to:

Susan Welch

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