



CCBA Meeting Minutes MAY 8, 2023

Present 51, Mentor Meeting , Zoom 2

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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.

-- MAY 13, CCBA Mentor Meeting NOW AT **9AM for THE SUMMER**

-- JUNE 4, Orange Park Farmers Market Last one for the Summer

-- JUNE 10, CCBA Mentor Meeting **9AM for THE SUMMER**

-- JUNE 12, CCBA MEETING is our Semi Annual Pot Luck Dinner

-- SEP 16 NE FL Honeybee Symposium 8AM

-- SEP 23, Beginner Bee Course

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).

--**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) 284-6957, 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. *****

--7:05 Dave opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed New member and guests, Ginny, Hanna, Missy and Michael Jackson from Middleburg, Matthew and Darlene from Jax. New Member, Bob.

7:10 SECRETARY "E" Minutes for APR were approved as emailed.

-- TREASURERS REPORT \$21,061.23 approved.

--PRESIDENTS REPORT: Plan for Pot luck in June. The CCBA will provide Fried Chicken, drinks and service ware and members as always, bring your best covered dish.

-- May is a busy month continue and treat SHB and Mites. Do your Mite treatments, esp. with the warm damp weather coming. You can treat mites with Oaxcilic Acid, 4 GMs now is approved with supers on. Most all other treatments need the supers off to avoid the honey absorbing the treatment.

--Don't forget to feed your colonies. And prepare to make your slits to avoid swarming if you have queen cells present. Bees are Swarming so put out your Swarm Traps now.

-- APIARY Report: we have 2 full Langstroth Hives now and 16 NUCS with 11 Castles and our Top Bar has no bees at present. Next month we will have NUCS for sale by lottery.

-- What's Blooming: Formosa trees, Wild Flowers, Sunflowers...

-- MENTOR COORDINATOR: Ray is our Mentor Coordinator please see him if you would like a mentor. Last month we had 30 attending the Sat meeting, REMEMBER now its is at 9AM due to heat.

--MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: 184 Paid members.

7:25 Old Business: none to report

NEW Business: Dave proposed a motion to increase the semiannual Raffle fund money to \$600 vs \$400 to account for the increased cost of gifts and increased membership. VOTE: APPROVED

7:30 Q & A SESSION

-- Q: are there any problems with bees around power lines, A: No.

-- Q. Can members use our new Observation hive: A: Yes. See Dave for info.

-- Note: Dave announced that we now have 2 Extractors that can be borrowed for members. They are stored at Dave's home, check with him for dates.

-- DEMO of Dave's homemade Swarm Basket of a pool pole and small bucket and Swarm vacuum of shop vac and small vented basket and 5 gal bucket. (see video at ClayBees.com)

-- John Boeckstiegel has a new version of his Oaxcilic acid fogger for sale.

-- Q: Cheryl Parish asked why her bees are not using her super and are going to honey bind her hive body. A: Many offered that she needs to wax her super foundations and remove her queen excluder to entice the bees up to the super, then replace the excluder when they start using the super.

-- Q: When is the Honey Flow over. A: Depends on the amt of rain but usually the end of JUNE is a good time to harvest your honey. As long as the honey frame is 80% full of capped honey.

-- Q: When do you feed the bees. A: During the Dearth, you should stop feeding when the bees stop using the sugar water, and now with the honey flow on you will not need to feed.

-- Q: Does anyone have a source for 50# of honey that is cheaper. A: some stores/feed places sell 2nd hand sugar that is not fit for human consumption but fine for the bees.

-- Q: How much does the honey super weigh. A: Average super can weigh 45-50# depending on number of frames. A 5 Gal bucket can weigh 60#.

-- Q: A cherry tree has many swarms in it, how do we set up a trap. A: The box you have is fine, use a 1 inch entrance. Come to the Mentor Meeting Sat and see it and Dave will bring some old wax to use in the trap along with small amts of attractant: Swarm Commander, Bee Rustler, Lemon Grass. The trap can be approx. 20 ft away any height. Bees can travel 3-5 miles to forage but for a new hive they usually move out of the immediate area they came from.

-- Good time to register your bees with Mosquito control for spraying season and remember they will treat ponds or lakes for mosquitoes without spraying or cost.

-- Q: Where can we find bees. A: Hives and More, we also will be selling NUCs for \$60 next month and members can also sell .

8:10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- Susan W. noted that Mr and Mrs Horner brought to large containers of Squash and Zucchini for anyone to take tonight.

-- There is equipment for sale tonight and one queen.

-- June is the last Orange Park Market for the Summer.

8:15 Raffle:

8:25 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary