



CCBA Meeting Minutes MAY 9, 2022

36 Present//7 on Zoom//19 Mentor mtg

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*Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.**

ZOOM meeting tonight. Complications occurred again pls see the video on our website.

DATES to KNOW:

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

--JUN 5, Orange Park Mkt 10-3 (last market for the Summer)

-- **JUN 11, CCBA Mentor Meeting NOW at 9AM** for the Summer

--**JUN 13, SEMI ANNUAL DINNER: BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH, DESSERT, OR VEGGIES, The Association will provide beverages and Fried Chicken!**

-- SEP 17 Beginner Bee Class **(DATE WAS CHANGED FROM THE 24)**

-- OCT 8, 8:00- 4 PM N.E.FL. A. Beekeepers Symposium

-- OCT 15-16 Orange Park Fall Festival, 10-5pm Volunteers always welcome.

--JAN 4-8 2023 American Beekeeping Federation Conference & Trade show, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL

-- MAR 17-16, 2023, UF Bee College Gainesville, FL

-- Pending 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 3rd Sat each month.

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 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/ 16 oz jar, \$8/ 24 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), Barbara Perkins (Melrose).

--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, Mike and Libby McCalley.

*****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 this year noted from Sean Black. *****

7:10 PM Dave opened the meeting we had 2 new members: Dave Butts and family, and Joel Frost. ...We did have zoom tonight. despite the loss of internet because they are sealing the roof on the building. THANKS to Cassidy, Matt and Frank for furnishing the hot link and keeping us on line!

-- Secretary: Minutes for APR approved.

-- Treasurers Report \$19,061.36 phoned in from Ray. Not available at this meeting.

--7:11 Kaylin Kleckner (Kaylin.Kleckner@UFI.Edu) our speaker for tonight a PhD Student at UF, speaking on Small Hive Beetle (SHB) Treatments.

SHB (Aethina Tumida) are known as a secondary pest, unlike Varroa Mites which are a primary pest. They come from Africa and were first seen in Charleston SC.20 years ago. They follow the honeybees and live on the honey in the hive, They have been know to solicit food from the bees by rubbing their antennae. Their larva can burrow into other honeycomb and the yeast on their bodies can slime the comb and cause the honey to ferment with significant infestation. This will cause the bees to abscond. The SHB will follow the swarm to the new hive to start again.

--There are 4 types of control: Cultural/Sanitation, Physical/Mechanical, Biological and Chemical. Studies are not complete because they do not have a good threshold to base their results.

--Cultural control: Freeze frames, keep hives in sunny locations.

--Physical: using Beetle Traps, Swiffer Sheets or aspirating the beetles as you see them, black tarp under the hive to fry the larva as it falls out of the hive to pupate.

--Biological: Entomopathic Nematodes or a fungus that infects SHB.

--Chemical: Checkmite, Guard Star and Acetamidprid.

Comments/Questions:

--Chickens are good for Apiaries, they eat the SHB larva

--SHB are active 24 hours and fly at night.

--SHB larvae are found at least 1 foot below the surface of the ground

--The growth time frame is not specific so treat hives for at least one month

8:10—Dave noted that Kaylin is planning to be at our NEFL Seminar Oct 8th.

--Presidents Report: Keep checking for Swarm signs. If your hives get too crowded, you will see queen cells, split your hives or they will swarm. Dragon flies are dangerous to new queens esp. in the Summer. We are in the middle of Nectar Flow. If you need Queens, they are about \$20-30ea.

--Hive Management: Keep monitoring for Small Hive Beetles (SHB). It is swarm season monitor your hives!

8:20-- Apiary Report: 6 (10) Frame Hives with 2 double bottoms and 22 NUCS, 6 NUCS were given out for the Lottery Winner. The price for a NUC has gone up to \$60 this year to account for the cost of sugar.

-- What's Blooming: Blackberry, Blue Berry Dutch Clover, Citrus trees in bloom, wildflowers, Gallberry, palms. It is Peak nectar season.

--Mentor Committee; had 22 folks attend last meeting

-- Membership Coordinator and Honey House Superintendent: Susan Welch; Thanks to all who are UTD on dues, as of tonight we have 175 paid members, please let Susan know of any changes to your information.

8:30 No Old Business

-- New Business: JUNE is our Semiannual Dinner, Thank Barbara Perkins and Cheryl Parrish along with our 4H crew for volunteering to set up and take down again. Dinner will include Fried Chicken, Drinks furnished by the CCBA, members bring your favorite dish to supplement.

--Presentation of plaque to Sue Gianino from the Navy Exchange for participation in Earth Day.

MOTION: All 4-H members will get a Raffle Ticket---**APPROVED**

MOTION: Suggested that the Raffle be increased to \$600 for our dinners: **APPROVED**

8:37 Raffle

8:40 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary