



*CCBA Meeting Minutes NOV 10, 2025

Present 43, Zoom 0, Mentor Mtg 26

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DATES to KNOW: BUSY MONTH UPCOMING

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). 2026 DUES OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail, can use VENMO or Credit/Debit card at the meetings

-- DEC 7, OP Farmers Market 10-3

-- **DEC 8, CCBA Christmas Potluck Dinner:** CCBA furnishes drinks and hams, we furnish sides or desserts. The raffle is free for all members.

-- DEC 13, CCBA Mentor Meeting 10AM

-- JAN 4, 2026, OP Market 10-3

-- JAN 10, CCBA Mentor Meeting 10AM

-- JAN 12, CCBA meeting 7PM

-- JAN 31, Gold Head State Park, Yesterday Fest 9-5 **VOLUNTEERS needed, let Barb Perkins know, 904-437-9712**

Old Business: -- Our CCBA Association Caps are \$15 available at check-in. Our logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$13 Price increase (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 \$14, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$11, XXL \$14.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman & Dave Sieruta. (19) Mentors currently: Huey Fouquet (Orange Park & Baker County), Libby & Mike McCalley (Orange Park & Fleming Island), Dave Sieruta (Lake Asbury & Orange Park), Joe Dobransky (Orange Park), Ray Vickerman, Lani Rouw, Susa & Bob Welch (Green Cove Springs), Ken Harp & Barbara Perkins (Key Stone), Jurgen & Sylvia May (Polk City), Rick & Dorie Kline (Middleburg), Amy & Jeff Campbell (Middleburg). Eric Villeneuve, (Middleburg/Clay Hill).

--Swarm collection; let Frank Gianino know to put your name and phone number 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.

*****Beekeepers MUST 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.

-- 7:10 Dave opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 2 New Members (Peter Marsh and Patty Blalock) 0 Guests tonight.

--7:10 Secretary "E" approved

-- Treasurer Report: \$25,851.80 accepted

-- President Report: Dave announced the Ex Committed voted to send 8 members to the UF Bee College in 2026, we will raffle 2 tickets off ea meeting in OCT, NOV, JAN, & FEB. You buy your ticket and bring the receipt to Ray V. for reimbursement.

Dave noted the CC Wellness Fair at the Thrasher Horn Center raised \$230 in honey sales.

Monitor and control Mites and SHB. Varroa populations will begin to grow and treat your hives when you have 3%Mites after a mite check.

Feed your hives and NUCS esp. as the weather gets colder.

-- Apiary Report: 4 Langstroth, 21 NUCS with Castles, (2 lost this year so far). Plan to do splits next year between Apiary #1 & #2, they absconded. 1 Top Bar not in use.

-- What's Blooming: Goldenrod, Mexican Sunflowers and Spanish Thistle.

-- Mentor Report: Ray reports we had 26 Mentors last Sat with Q&A.

-- Membership Coor: Susan Repots we have 2 new members tonight making a total of 264 members.

7:35 Jason Gill is the Patient Rep from the Kingsley Chiropractor Clinic for anyone who would like their back evaluated with Jason's Myo scanner. Noting that \$40 will get your first exam & X-rays with treatment. Also, your \$40 will be given to a local charity.

7:35 Dave presented Member Awards for their assistance at the CC Fair, the Health and Wellness Fair, the Honey Fest in JAX and for the folks who help in the Apiary during the week: Trevor Seymore special award for his design and make-up of our Metal Logo that will be posted in the Honey House

and at our meetings here in the Goldbold Rm. Also Awards to Ric Hopkins, Liane Patrylo, Lisa Macke, Larry Durham, Ryne Allen, Kelly and Cris Richards.

7:40 Dave was our speaker tonight and he spoke on getting the Pros and Cons of NUCs and Packages. A sheet is going around to sign up for price TBD, and they will be due in MAR.

--A NUC is a Nuclear Hive with a working Queen and worker bees. They sell for arox \$140-\$175 and range from 4-5 frames. Hives and More is taking orders for their NUCS now. Dave recommends that you also get a NUC Castle at the same time because they build up very quickly and will need a hive or a castle to expand. Advantages: it is a functioning colony, they do not need time to establish, can produce honey the first year, it is a great beginning for a Beekeeper. Disadvantages: They can come with some SHB or Mites, possibly an older queen and old frames. Ask the seller about treatments for SHB and Mites.

--A Package is a 3# box of honeybees with a mated Queen added on the day they are picked up. To install a pkg watch the video from UF Jamie Ellis U-Tube or in our Library. There will be a Demo in our Apiary this Spring when we get our Pkgs. Advantages: Price is less (\$90-\$140) with 10,000 bees. Queenless packages are cheaper still \$20-30. Most packages are Italian Bees. Disadvantages: The producer needs 6-8 months to get the bees; packages will need a lot of attention and feeding initially. Again, Dave recommends 2 packages or NUCS to start your Apiary. **Jeff Campbell will have NUCS in the Spring.

8:15 OLD Business: We have election of all officers at our Christmas party in DEC. Please let Sue G know if you would like to run or recommend anyone for ANY office. SET UP 6PM

8:17 NEW Business:

--Dave asked for Motion to have the 4H grp attend our Dinner. APPROVED

--Winners of the UF Bee College tonight: Arlene Bower and Sharon Robinson

-- FEB 28 is the next Beginner Bee Class; Volunteers welcome to assist.

8:20 Raffle

8:38 Adjourned Mentors available for questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary