



CCBA Meeting Minutes NOV 9, 2020

With VIRTUAL meeting

\* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee: Dave Sieruta **PRES:** 904-282-2193, Dorie Kline **V-Pres & Face Book Organizer:** Clay County Beekeepers Association 904-616-2723, Sue Gianino **SEC:** 904-276-5921, Ray Vickerman **TREAS & MENTOR Trainer:** 904-284-5317, Susan Welch, **MEMBERSHIP Coordinator & DUES Collector** 727-204-6626; Cassidy Dossin **AG Rep:** 904-284-6300, and, Frank Gianino, **WEB Organizer:** <http://claybees.com>, 904-276-5921, Dave Sieruta: **Education/Speakers** 904-282-2193, Christine Nicolodi: **Refreshment Coordinator.** Susan Welch: **4H Club**, 727-204-6626

#### **DATES to KNOW:**

- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr\*: (pay Sue Welch). **2021 DUES DUE NOW** sheet on Website and attached to these minutes to send by mail.
- NOV 14, Mentor Meeting **9AM** NOW no need to register online.
- DEC 9, Orange Park Market, **we will NOT** participate.
- DEC 14**, CCBA **Elections** and possibly our Dinner: **Survey to be sent out asking if you want a dinner and/or number of people attending the dinner Pls send to Sue Welch.**
- VOTE:smgianino@bellsouth.net** for names for Pres., VP. (1 nominee Louie Ivey), Treas., Sec., or Member Coordinator so ballots can be made. **BY DEC 1**
- JAN 3, Orange Park Market 10-3
- JAN 9, CCBA Mentor Meeting NEW TIME 9 AM, NO NEED to sign up**
- JAN 11 CCBA Business Meeting 7pm
- JAN 2021, at present will still plan for display at Gold Head State Park. DATE TBA
- NOTICE:**

Zoom Meeting; tonight, we had 20 folks at the Ag Extension Office and 9 members on Zoom!

**Old Business:** -- Our CCBA Association **Caps are \$15** see Ray. Our new logo embroidered on your Polo shirt \$10 (see Sue G or available at Stich by Stich in the Orange Park Mall). John Boeckstiegle has new T-shirts with new logo for S-LG \$10 for XL-XXXL \$15.

-- Mentors are available, call Ray Vickerman 904-284-5317 or Dave Sieruta 904-282-2193. Mentors currently are Huey Forquet, Rick and Dorie Kline, John Riley, Dave Sieruta, Ray Vickerman, and Ralph White.

--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 of your hives esp. if they are at different locations. Be sure to register your hives. Aerial spraying is not currently done in Clay County

**\*\*Frank has posted the Mosquito Control and Beekeepers info on the Web site.**

**\*\*If you want to be called for Swarms 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 (Louie's Nephew) 904-657-6704.

7:00 PM Dave Sieruta opened the meeting. Welcome Vittorio Pasquali and Jim Barlow and his Daughter, Joy as new members. No guests this evening.

7:10 Secretary, minutes for OCT meeting approved as emailed.

-- Treasurers Report \$8148.06 approved as read.

7:15 President's Report

--Dave gave a presentation to the OP Women's Club with 2 new members signed up.

--Nectar & Pollen are decreasing, start feeding your bees if you have not. Thanksgiving is the start of our Winter, the hives will start to decrease in size, Drones will be gone soon. After NOV 26 Dave and Jamie Ellis cut way back on inspecting hives to keep the hive warm and undisturbed esp. if the temps are below 60.

--Hive Management: You should be feeding your bees 1:1 solution.

--Bottle Brush, Spanish Needle, Asters and Black-Eyed Suzy blooming now. Last year the Red Maples started to bloom in DEC which starts our new Spring Season.

-- Apiary Report, continue to check and treat for Mites. REMEMBER you cannot have honey supers on during these chemical treatments, it will be absorbed into the honey (unless it is the powder sugar method). Keep an eye out for Hive Beetles. A good article in Amer Bee Journal regarding Mite Treatments, special note Dr J. Ellis is a contributor to AMB Journal's Questions and Answers section.

--**\*\*We have 6 Hives now 2 with double deeps and 9 NUCS with Supers. For those interested:**

You MUST be a member of CCBA with a Mentor (call Ray or Dave). We will start the Lottery again in the Spring; \$55 for new members without bees will be the first chosen. You can leave your NUC at the Apiary for them to create a queen and help us watch them for a month. **\*\*Email**

**Susan Welch with your request: [swelch5210@gmail.com](mailto:swelch5210@gmail.com) or Sue G [smgianino@bellsouth.net](mailto:smgianino@bellsouth.net).**

--Dave has **secured 30 (3#) packages** of bees with a queen from Jessup GA. for 2021, price TBA and probable available in May.

-- **Hives and More will have NUCS** available around Mid April and he is taking orders now; 904-910-6662. **that if you want a queen order NOW**, next week will be the LAST delivery till 2021.

**NOTE from H&M they will be offering CCBA Members a 10% discount on all their wood products until the end of 2020**, wood will substantially increase in 2021.

--Our Beginner Bee Class went very well Oct 24, Cassidy did a great job coordinating our class and virtual classes. There were 21 students and 5 Virtual students. Our next projected class will be March. Thanks to Dave S, Dorie and Rick Kline, Ray Vickerman, Huey Forquet, Sue G. and Susan Welch who signed 12 members! From Georgia, Gainesville, and St Johns'.

--The 2-day OP Fall Festival went very well with one new member signed. Thanks to Dave S., Sue G, Christine Nicolodi, Ralph White, Barbara Perkins, Dave and Sheila Brock.

--Membership Report: \$15 per yr for each voting member.

1. Thanks for the Peanut Butter for the Clay Ext Pantry Challenge, the FL Peanut Growers will match all donations for the Food Bank. Bring to meetings or to Ag Ctr directly.
2. Pop Tops for charities, if you have a charity that accepts then let Susan know, currently we are collecting for the Hickory Grove Nursery helping families with childcare.
3. Thanks to all who have paid their dues early for 2021, dues forms are on the Web site and will be attached to these minutes for mail in dues.

7:09 Our Virtual Speaker Dr Janie Ellis PhD, Gahan Endowed Professor  
Head of **UF IFAS Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory - Home** ...<https://www.facebook.com/UFHoneyBeeLab>, [Jdellis@UFL.edu](mailto:Jdellis@UFL.edu)

--He discussed Identifying Queen Events: any stress in your colony can cause stress to the queen. Learn to recognize stressors and classify the level of stress they present.

\*\*Cassidy recorded the class, and we will post on our web site with these minutes when it is available.

--Dr Ellis summed up by stating he loves talking bees with our Association. We were the first club to have him speak in 2006 when Dr Zerba invited him to our group. We are the longest supporters of his Grad Students. And he will be a guest speaker at our Symposium in 2021.

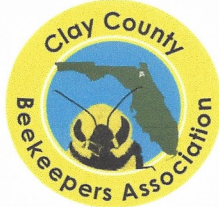
8:20 Raffle held for members present.

8:30 Motion passed to adjourn.

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 32073, (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.

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If a couple:

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Make Checks Payable to: Clay County Beekeepers Association

Mail application and check to:

Susan Welch

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