



*CCBA Meeting Minutes OCT 13, 2025

Present 52, Zoom 0, Mentor Mtg 16

* Numbers of Executive Steering Committee

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*Christine Nicolodi/ Gary Van Barringer: **Refreshment Coordinators.**

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

-- OCT 18-19, Orange Park Festival 10-5PM **Volunteers welcome**; Is call or text Sue G 305-923-9466

-- OCT 30, CCSO Wellness Fair for our First responders at Thrasher Horn 4-7pm **Volunteers needed**, call or text Sue G 305-923-9466

-- NOV 2 10-3pm OP Farmers Market

-- NOV 8, CCBA Mentor Meeting 10AM

-- NOV 10, CCBA Monthly Meeting, Jason Gill from Kinglsey Chiropractic Clinic will return for anyone who would like their bake analyzed.

-- 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 3 New Members and 0 Guests tonight.

--7:10 Secretary E" no minutes for Sept

-- Treasurer Report: \$26,009.47 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.

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.

-- Apiary Report: 4 Langstroth, 28 NUCS with Castles, plan to do splits next year between Apiary #1 & #2, 1 Top Bar not in use.

-- What's Blooming: Goldenrod, Golden Rain Trees, Black Eyed Susie's, peaches and Loquats.

-- Mentor Report: Ray reports we had 16 Mentors last Sat with Q&A .

-- Membership Coord: Susan Reports we have 3 new members tonight making a total of 205 members

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7:35 Guest speaker tonight Dave Sieruta for a Q & A session.

-- Dave uses ½ gal sugar water/hive/week this time of year and leave Fall Honey in the hive.

--A: Storing Frames for the Winter: Dave puts used frames in a Rubber Maid Tub with Moth Crystals.

You can freeze frames at least 4 days to kill any infestation and disease.

Dadant sells Buccillis used on tomatoes to repel and kill Wax Moths, BUT do NOT use it on plastic foundations they will melt.

--This time of year, is a good time to prepare for Spring; check your wooden ware (Hives & More give the CCBA a 10% discount on wooden ware.

-- Varrozan Strips on every other frame, work for 40-50 days and does NOT affect your honey. Oxalic Acid treatments will not harm honey and can be used every 6-7 days for 4 weeks.

--They are finding that Hard treatments like Apivar show Mites may become immune.

--Dave treats his hives for Mites 4xper year, UF treats 3x per year. Always test or Mites before treatment to help reduce immunity. If you have many hives, you will test every 4-5 hives for mites. To test for Mites, you want the Nurse bees who just hatched for mites.

--If you have honey in your Super in NOV, remove your Queen Excluder so all bees can feed, and they will stay warmer with the insulation of honey. If no honey, remove the super.

--YES, register your hives: it is required in the State of FL, they will give you a registration # to put on your hives in case of theft, also if you go cross state lines you will need your registration for the bees.

--Remember NOT to order your bees by mail, they can come from Africanized areas.

--It is helpful for the bees to use extra wax on your frames when you get them to assist the bees in building up the hive quicker.

--To encourage bees into the super, put a frame of bees in the super.

--Members note a large increase of Drones at this time.

--Recommendation is to use wood glue and screws or staples when building frames.

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 for ANY office.

NEW Business:

--Dave requested an increase in Raffle money to \$2000 for our semiannual parties. APPROVED

--The Ex Comm offered to buy 2 metal CCBA signs designed by member Trevor Seamore, to be placed in the Honey House and in the Godbold Room. APPROVED

---Ex comm suggested that we send 8 to UF Bee College this year vs 6. APPROVED

--A motion from the floor to give the Pres of the CCBA a ticket to the Bee College for speaker and content for our meetings. APPROVED

--Motion from the floor to buy 2 children's Bee suits to use working in the Apiary. APPROVED (Dave to get with Susan W. about sizes)

- Dave noted the Web site has had many compliments, Frank noted we receive 6-10 checks/day.
- Gary had great ovation for his work on the Refreshments every meeting.
- Winners of the UF Bee College tonight: Kelly Richards and Derek Frey

8:30 Raffle

8:45 Adjourned Mentors available for questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary