



CCBA Meeting Minutes OCT 14,

Present 41 , Zoom 4, Mentor Mtg 25

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

DATES to KNOW:

-- Annual Dues \$15 per voting mbr*: (pay Sue Welch). **2025 DUES** OCT – APR. Renewal sheet on Website to send by mail.

-- **OCT 19-20 Orange Park Fall Festival** 10-5PM Volunteers requested; contact Sue Gianino

--**NOV 2, Soldiers for Freedom Outdoors**, volunteers needed to help them extract honey, contact Ken Harp/Dave soldiersfreedomoutdoors.org/events-retreats.

-- NOV 3, Orange Park Farmers Mkt 10-3

-- NOV 9, CCBA mentor meeting **10AM**

- -NOV 11, CCBA Monthly Meeting 7 PM

-- DEC 1, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- **DEC 9, CCBA Election & Dinner 7PM bring deserts, side dishes, salads (CCBA supplies meats)**

Ken Harp cannot continue as VP, anyone who wishes to get on the ballot pls let Sue G. know.

-- DEC 14, CCBA Mentor Meeting 10AM

--JAN 5, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- JAN 11, CCBA Mentor Meeting 10 AM

--JAN 13, CBA Monthly Meeting 7PM

-- JAN 25, Gold Head Park, Old Florida Festival...VOLUNTEERS needed.

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 \$11, XL \$16, XXXL \$18 and Tee shirts S-L \$9, XL \$12, XXL \$14.

-- **Mentors** are available, call Ray Vickerman & Dave Sieruta. (17) Mentors currently: Huey Fourquet (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.

-- 7:05 Dave opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, no new members tonight.

--7:18 Secretary" E" minutes approved.

--Treasurer report \$22,870.08 approved. 2 Gift Credit Cards for UF Master Students given to Cameron Jack for distribution. Dec, Jan, Feb Raffel 6 tickets for Beginner Bee. Raffel 4 tickets JAN, FEB MAR, will be tickets for UF Bee College.

--Presidents Report: VarroSan Strips (Oxalic Acid Strips) have been approved in FL approval for sale. Ken Harp brought in the pkg for \$90, use 4 strips per 10 frames for Mite control for 60 days. Dave bought some to try in our 3 (10 frame) hives. He did a pre-Mite RX count with only 2 Mites in one of our hives, he will do a post -Mite count. Gloves are recommended to keep medication out of eyes/face etc. THANKS, Ken, for the report.

Time to get your hives ready for Spring (JAN) here in Clay area; paint & clean. **NOTE: Hives and More will offer 10% discount for members on wooden ward NOV-DEC.**

--Hive Management keep control of SHB and Mites, esp with the wet weather. FEED your bees.

--What's blooming: Asters, Spanish Needle, Mexican Sun Flowers Goldenrod and Black-Eye Susan.

--APIARY we have 6 Langstroth hives, 25 NUCS and 1 Top Bar hive. New Swarm caught SAT!

--Membership Report: 231 members to date.

--Mentor Report; last month was 25.

--What's Blooming: Golden Rod, Asters, Rain Trees, Mexican Sunflowers

SEE OUR WEBSITE; CLAYBEES.COM FOR THE VIDEO.

--7:30 Our Speaker tonight is Dr Cameron Jack from UF Bee College. He will speak on his latest study on The Nontarget Impacts of Mosquito Control; Insecticides and Adulticides on FL Bees With assistance from Lena Barasco and Devin Rowen from UF Lab.

Part I Mosquito control is important for the economy and health of citizens and animals in FL Insecticides are necessary and are usually delivered by truck or areal method. Both can impact Bees. They have 6 sets of hives located primarily in the St Augustine area near spraying areas and in rural areas to test the chemical effect of insecticide.

They checked the chemical residue in the hives, and the effects on adult bees and larvae. They inspected all 30 NUCS before deploying them for beehive chemicals. 3 months later they checked again for Chlorpyrifos, the only chemical found heavily in the wax and pollen.

Part II They determine that the impact of Mosquito control was no real difference between the control and the treated sites, even on the Bearding bees. There were no effects of spray on bees or larvae.

Part III They next checked Mosquito control on larvae in vitro. They gave pesticides to lab created larvae by putting it in food.

Part IV: They checked the impact of Mosquito adulticides and bees (Nalad) was the chemical proven to be very toxic toto bees if taken orally. CONCLUSION is active ingredients are more toxic to bees if formulated in sprays except 'duet (2 chemicals mixed) it was more toxic to adult bees than larvae.

The chemicals used for Mosquito control do not seem to hurt bees. Conclusion:

1. Temporarily cover your bees and move them away from the road when they are spraying.
2. Communicate with Mosquito Control
3. Do your research and keep track of any problems, esp dead bees after spraying episode.
4. If you think spraying damaged your bees< James Fulton runs the lab at UF and can analyze what killed your bees. It may take months for the results.

--8:15

--OLD Business: December meeting is election of officers, if you would like to apply for Vice-President or ANY post here just Let Sue Gianino know to get you on the ballot. DEC is also our Semiannual Potluck Dinner and free Raffel.

--NEW Business:

--Dave noted we currently have a profit of \$6,200 and requested, with the increased membership, the we increase the amount of money for the Dec dinner to \$500. APPROVED

--He requested that the 4H members join our DEC dinner, they assist with set up and take down and enjoy the beekeeper comradery. APPROVED

--Dave informed the members of the use of the CLOVER Credit card device to use for honey sales, membership dues, raffle payments. Cost \$349 with refurbished model. **APPROVED to buy.**

--This year we will purchase 30/5 GAL of honey for the CCF. That is 10 buckets of Wildflower, Gallberry and Orange Blossom. Because we sold out 2x last CCF. **APPROVED**

--8:35 Raffle:

--8:45 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary