



CCBA Meeting Minutes SEP 12, 2024 (Corrected)

Present 45, Zoom 2, Mentor Mtg

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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.

-- SEP 14 CCBA Mentor Class **9AM**. OCT starts 10AM

-- **SEP 28 Beginner Bee Course 8AM-3:30**, volunteers requested

-- **OCT 3-5 FL State Beekeepers Conference:** Beginner Beekeeping in Ocala Hilton 9AM

flstatebeekeepers.org

-- OCT 6, Orange Park Mkt 10-3

-- OCT12 CCBA Mentor Class **10AM**

-- OCT 14 CCBA meeting 7PM: Speaker, Cameron Jack UF PhD

-- **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

**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).

--**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.

-- 7:15 Dave opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 1 New member, Donald Mitchell, USN Ret and Ret VA Commander has no bees yet lives in Lake Asbury.

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

--Treasurer report \$23,294.38 approved. 2 tickets for the Beginner Bee Class tonight. -- The Raffle will pay for 2 members to attend the Beginner Bee Class Sept.28. The class is full~

--In March we will have 6 tickets for the Bee College to raffle off at the JAN, FEB & MAR meetings.

--Presidents Report: Thanks to Jeff and Amy Cambell, Rich & Sharon Robinson, Lisa Macke, Sue Gianino, and Ken Harp for their help with the Jax Honeybee Festival AUG 18, BIG crowd!

-- NOTE VarroXSan Strips (Oxalic Acid Strips) have been approved in the US but are still waiting on FL approval for sale.

--Hive Management keep control of SHB and Mites, also with the wet weather, Bull Ants will come out and decimate your hives in one night.

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

--APIARY we have 6 Langstroth hives, 26 NUCS and 0 Top Bar hive.

--Membership Report: 216 members to date. NOTE The 4H held an open registration on Tues and had filled their membership by Thursday with 30 children. BIG APPLAUSE for Susan Welch!

--Mentor Report; last month was 23 but will update SEP 14.

SEE OUR WEBSITE; CLAYBEES.COM FOR THE VIDEO.

--7:30 Our Speaker tonight is Julia St Amant on of the Graduate Students at U.F. Ken introduced her to speak Honeybee Pathogens. She was a former Lead Lab Tech in the UF Bee Lab

--ONE NOTE: DON'T use Roach baits in your hives. Except for Coumaplos, that has been well on tested and toxic to the SHB, but other roach baits are very toxic to Honeybees.

--She is studying how the Seasonal changes affect Honeybees with Nosema, Malpighamoeba cysts.

--Nosema decreases the lifespan of the bee by invading the gut causing hunger and poor nutrition.

You will see orange streaking with brown feces. Fumagillin is an antibiotic and somewhat effective.

--Malpighamaeoba Tribles prevents excretion on toxic substances and that can kill the hive.

--She uses 60 Beekeepers all over FL for her study and each month they send in 3 samples of their adult bees in Ethanol to be studied. Using 3 steps; Prep, Microscope, & PCR to check for Nosema and Malipighamoeba. Then she notes their DNA.

--2 Hives found positive in Baker for MANY Nosema and Taylor County NO Nosema. Nosema is found across the state of FL EXCEPT Leon County! She noted that Clay County has 3 hives in her study with 1 hive very positive and 2 in the same field very light on infection.

--Her plan is to continue the study and sampling to include wider research into European Foul Brood and Apis Malifer Virus

--Thanks to Julia and Chris Auster (Honeybee Lab manager) for the UF Honeybee Lab.

--8:15

--OLD Business: none.

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

--Hives & More always offers a 10% discount on their wooden ware in DEC.

--Sue G. brought up the concept of paying dues in Oct with credit cards with the Clover device vs check or cash. Members will decide if this is helpful in order to order the device in time.

--8:20 Raffle: Beginner Bee Class Winners; Don Mitchell, Dana Bumpus.

--8:40 Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gianino

Secretary