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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association

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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, June 12, 2008, 7:30 pm at the Hillsborough County Extension Office old meeting hall. President Charlie Hammond presided. Approximate number of attendees was 48 and there were 7 guests. Renee Hartmann, Jane Hall, Ruth Rymal and Mary Fay Roberts provided the refreshments and the door prizes were provided by Bert Kelly.

Club Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order 7:30 PM. Invocation and prayer by Bill roberts

Guests

Ruth Rymal and Tracy Lynn, John Harry, Vickie Giunta, Tessie Giunta , Tessie, Tony and Barbara Strolla

Apiary report

David Smith is to move the bees to Upper Tampa bay Park for the work party .requeening and pulling honey are the tasks for this work party.

David Smith will extract the honey

Break 8:00 PM

New Business :

Bert Kelly report on the Florida Bee Keepers Association meeting \$25.00 per person \$30.00 per couple. He handed out information on the meeting. He also expressed interest in "Good "Palmetto honey.

Charlie Holland is looking to buy bees.

Treasurer Report:

Jane Hall reports \$ 7231.06

It is time to renew the insurance to Florida Farm Bureau for \$193.85.

She also reported a email request for frozen pollen

Announcements: Marie and Noel Blanchett have been married 50 years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Question and Answer Session:

Q. About re-queening and re-queening and having to continually re- queen..

A. Make sure you provide new brood with the new queen so she is accepted. Make sure to have nucs going on to help maintain the weaker hives.

Q. The best time to make nucs again?

A. September when the honey flow is going on.

Q. When do the blooms start and finishes for different flora?

A. The length of time is very dependent on the weather. Not only how long the bloom period lasts but when it begins each year fluctuates because of the weather.