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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association
September 11, 2008
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, October, 2008, 7:30 pm at the Hillsborough County Extension Office meeting hall. President David Smith presided as president. Robert Messineo was present as vice president. Joyce Lang was present as Treasurer and Renee Hartmann as secretary. Approximate number of attendees: 70. There were 5 guests Bill and Renee Lacy, Johnny and Amy Walker and Pedro Mello. Approximate number of attendees 70. Noel and Marie Blanchet brought the refreshments. Door prizes provided by Bert Kelley. Thank you.

Speaker: Jamie Ellis was held up on I 75 due to an accident. He will be here next month.

Club Business Meeting

New Business: Movento is a new insecticide that citrus growers are using for greening. It is to control the psyllid that causes the greening. Beware of this if you are pollinating or keeping bees in groves.

Todd Jameson the local apiary inspector tells us of the website for Master Beekeeper is www.ufhoneybee.com

Click on master beekeeper program for the requirements. Jamie Ellis will answer question as well.

Todd Jameson is employed by the Dept. of Agriculture. His primary mission is to look for American Foul Brood and Africanized colonies. He is very informative. So call him to have your hives inspected. 813-493-0754 or lonesomehive@aol.com

Q&A: Rick Crites asked if having the hive up against the fence will deter the bees. No, they will be fine.

David Smith observes and asked why the bees are fierce during this Brazilian Pepper flow? Others have noticed but no reason.

Swarming was the next topic of discussion:

Give room in the hive body by slitting hives and putting in empty frames. Bert Kelley adds swarming is a sign of a good colony. It will happen and often times are not preventable. It is a way the bees produce colonies.

Break

General Discussion:

Club Apiary Report:

David Smith reported on the apiary. Hives are full of honey. The work party will be pulling honey. Approx. 33 supers will be pulled. Meet at the park by 10:00 am.

Other jobs that are being done and need to be done are building of the new pallets. David has disposed of old broken pallets and will be making them.

After discussion of the conditions of the sheds at the apiary, Rick Crites motioned to have David build shelving and Renee seconded the motion and the club approved. He would like help please be available to help.

Bill Roberts had talked with the park manager and even though we are grateful to have a place for the apiary there may be a chance of moving them to some other location within the park.

Noel Blanchet will continue to maintain the observation hive with have at the park classroom.

Treasure Report:

The previous work party pulled 1139 lbs of honey. We have sold that for a\$1.00 per pound.

We received \$ 1139.00. The balance in the checking account is \$ 4264.16.

Gary Ranker reminds us we have bought an annual full page ad in the Florida State Beekeepers Assoc. newsletter.

The cost is \$140.00 for the ad. We have sponsored the break table as well at the annual convention at \$100.00.

A motion to support the State association was seconded and the club approved.

Christmas Party:

Attached in a sign up sheet that indicates the food people will be bringing. It will be nice to have a variety of dishes. So please not what people are bringing so there are not too many duplicates.

We have voted to not purchase meat but to reimburse 3 people for bringing a turkey or a ham. We will need people to sign up for that as well and David ask if you could contact him if would like to do that.

Gift for the Christmas party are optional. The limit is 5 to 10 dollars and the gift needs to be to a female or male and label as such.

Education:

Bert Kelley was so kind as to bring in various plants blooming at this time.

He showed us Golden Rain and the pollen is brown to dark brown.

Brazilian Pepper pollen is orange. Both of these plants make good baking honey.

Coral vine with a pink bloom.

Primrose Willow has a 4 petal yellow flower, grows in ditches and pollen is yellow and stringy.

Spike golden rod grows to 8 foot.

Other topics: Bert informed us of the Florida State Beekeepers Association convention this October 30 through November 1.

The registration is deadline is October 24th.

He nominated Gary Ranker for president of the Florida State Beekeepers Assoc.

Gary Ranker nominated Bert Kelley as treasurer.

Jane Hall gave the annual treasurer report summary for the 2007 and 2008 year ending September 30, 2008.

Rick Crites moved to pay the Florida Farm Bureau Federation so that we can in turn purchase our liability insurance latter in the year. The motion was seconded and approved.

The treasurer report was approved.

Please note Manatee County is trying to start a beekeeping association and the first meeting is October 23rd. Bert Kelley and Todd Jameson will be attending.

Old Business: No old business

Door Prizes were distributed and provided by Bert Kelley. Thank you.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 13, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at Hillsborough Extension office meeting hall.

Sandy Kitts will be bringing refreshments.

Submitted by Renee Hartmann