

**MINUTES**  
**Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association**  
**September 11, 2008**  
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, September 11, 2008, 7:30 pm at the Hillsborough County Extension Office meeting hall. President Charlie Hammond presided until the break when Robert Messineo presided for the balance of the meeting. Todd Jamison was present with his expertise. Thank you to Todd for coming to the meeting. There were 9 guests Approximate number of attendees: 58. Mary Fay and Bill Roberts provided the refreshments. Thank you.

Club Business Meeting

New business

Charles Hammond announced he would need to step down as president for the next year. The club nominated two members for president and after a vote by hands David Smith was elected president. Thank you to all nominees, it was a close race.

Joyce Lang was nominated for the treasure position and the club approved the nomination.

Treasurers report: \$4803.65 balance in club account. The CD has \$1000.00. The interest is paid directly to the club. The last deposit from the interest was \$ 8.00. The CD pays 1.34% annually.

Bert Kelley motioned for the club to give to both the American Beekeeping Federation for \$100.00 and the Upper Tampa bay Park for \$500.00 . Motion was seconded and the club agreed. Another motion was to give the Upper Tampa Bay Park a case of honey. The motion was approved. Bill Roberts is donating the honey to the park. Thank you again to Bill Roberts.

General Discussion:

Bert Kelly announced the State Beekeepers Association Convention will be October 31 in Gainesville, Fl. There will be day in the bee yard held on Saturday.

David Smith asked Bert to share with the club the plants blooming at this time. He listed Brazilian Pepper, Primrose Willow, Punk Tree, Spanish needle. He says the pepper bloom lasts about a month. September 15 the bloom will be good and the flow should start so put the supers on the hives.

Bruce McGhee asked about a fungus for Varroa mite control. Todd reported research is being done. David Smith asked if fogging with the Sucracide would be effective and save time. Todd informed the bees must be wetted down by the product. Todd and others reported the efficacy of Apicard was very good and safe to use but still be careful to not treat when the supers are on unless the super is for the bees.

Beetles are the big pest at this time. Several people suggested using the beetle traps.

Suggested controls for bull ants and ants in general were Bengal, and Talstar. Be careful around the bees they are sensitive to all of these chemicals.

Todd Jamison, our area apiary inspector, reported die off of bees after watermelon pollination. Apparently several beekeepers around the Gainesville, Newberry area are losing bees to the watermelon. He is trying to document any irregularities.

He also asked if anyone keeps bees in the Hernando County area. They are spaying for mosquitoes and would like to know of any beekeepers so they can avoid those areas.

Rick Crites would like to refurbish the website. The club agreed. Thank to Rick for keeping the website up to speed.

Club Apiary Report:

David Smith reported on the apiary and had just taken the hives back to the park since the threat of the TS Fay. **There will not be a work party this month.** Since the Brazilian pepper will start to bloom soon he did suggest that supers be put on in a couple of weeks.

The previous work party pulled 1139 lbs of honey and he is waiting on a wildflower honey price from Karl Grove. David motioned to replace the hive lids, Charlie seconded the motion and the club approved the motion. The approximate cost of the lids is \$3.00 each. David Smith motioned to replace some of the pallets. After discussion he will see how many need to be replaced and between Noel and Todd and David they will let us know what it takes to build the pallets.

Old Business: No old business

Door prizes were provided by Mark Johnson and Bert Kelley. Thank you

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 9, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at Hillsborough Extension office meeting hall. Marie and Noel Blanchett will be bringing refreshments.**

