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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association
March 12, 2009
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, March 12, 2009, 2009 7:30 pm at the Hillsborough County Extension Office old meeting hall. David Smith presided as president, Robert Mesineo as vice president, Joyce Lang as treasurer and Renee Hartmann as secretary, librarian David Kennedy. We had 10 guests and approximately 60 people attended the meeting.

Vickie and Tessie Giunta provided refreshments. Thank you Vickie and Tessie..

Discussion and new business

Bee Yard moved to Orange grove Edison Rd and 39 and 60 Raymond Conrad's place.

David brought a hive to demonstrate how we are going to split them on Saturday. We will take doubles off. Looking for the queens, and look for brood and separate. We will let them make their own queens until we can get queens when we will replace them. To split place 6 frame in the center with eggs and capped brood and pollen and little bit of honey by pulling 2 frame from each hive we want to split, hopefully making up 60 hives .

The plants Willows and oaks and yellow primrose, yellow mustard clover is providing nectar and pollen.

We will re-queen when we can get queens.

Question : About the Africanized traits in our TBBA apiary?

Todd Jameson explains how the state tests for Africanized bees.

How many supers are on the hives right now? One. On Saturday we will but another super on the hive.

Meet at the Chevron Station 60 AND 39 SW CORNER. To get to the farm you go east past 39. Splits go straight into a deep hive and with 6 frame into the 10 frames

Bert Kelley passed pictures of an elderly beekeepers property and equipment. The man has had to go assisted Living.

Some of the equipment will be for sale through Bert Kelley.

Jim Johnson's daughter going to Dominican Republic for a mission. He is asking for donation of any amount of honey and will be sent in a container down to Dominican Republic.

Ellen Edmonson is suggestion to sell our honey and send the proceeds to beekeepers association in Melbourne Australia for equipment.

Rick Crites motion to allow Ellen Edmonson to sell the honey by making orders for the next honey harvest and Amy Walker seconded. The club approved the motion.

David organized the container at he apiary.

Break 8:30

Business meeting

Treasurer report. \$3481.28 4 new members and 3 renewed their membership. Bert Kelley moved to accept the treasurer report 2nd and approved. A motion from Joyce Lang t move the 6month CD to a one year CD for 2.75% and 2nd Ellen Kennedy and the motion was approved.

David motioned to accept the treasurer's report and seconded and approved treasure Minutes for February were approved.

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Seminar report: May 16, 2009 Rebecca Conroy is chairman for this seminar. She has requested people to help with publicity. If you want to collect swarms please email me and or Rebecca for

names of people who have swarms.

Food will be taken care of by Sandy Kitts. She asked for suggestions on the food.

Cliff and Joanne will bring the hives to the seminar from the pollination.

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Other announcements:

Jim Alderman announced their will be an informal (just show up) queen rearing demonstration this weekend March 21, 2009, demonstrating queen rearing and grafting.

Sketchy directions were Clinton Ave to 35 A, left to River Road go out 3 turns on top of the hill on the right side. Call Jim Alderman for directions. 813-778-6800 OR CELL 813-310-5806

Time 10:00AM Bring a lunch and water.

Gary Ranker reporting Appalachia Beekeepers' Association is spear heading a bill with legislature on the rules for bottled honey by small beekeepers. The bill is to allow small beekeeper to bottle without the onerous fees large operations are required to do. Bert Kelley reported that his annual fees add up to over \$1000.00. The legislation would cover the honey facility as well.

We asked Gary to keep us posted as this would truly affect most of the members.

Question: Please define a small amount of honey?

Answer: We are at 100 lbs or 50 gallons

Gary also mentioned Jonathan Simkin has offered to support the club by donating \$50.00 per month for food. We need Jonathan to respond to emails as to what he would like out of this set up if anything. We are tabling this until we hear from Jonathon or Gary.

Club Apiary Report:

See the first paragraph. Meet at 9:00 AM. Jim Johnson will go by and get 10 or more veils. Every one dress long sleeves and long pants, water, can of OFF. Tape for pant legs.

.Marie Blanchett

AG Class at the State Fair. Does TBBA want to support buy paying for honey stix. We will discuss this at the next meeting for pricing ect.

Next meeting is April,9,, 2009

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:45PM

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Submitted by, RENEE HARTMANN