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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, April 8, 2010, 7:30 pm at the Hillsborough County Extension Office old meeting hall. David Smith presided as president, Robert Messineo as vice president, Joyce Lang as treasurer and Renee Hartmann as secretary, librarian David Kennedy. We had 12 guests and approximately 80 people attended the meeting. Refreshments were provided by Rick and Ellen Crites and drinks by Gene and Michele Petys. Thank you very much.

Speaker: David Smith presents the apiary committee. Bill Roberts and Jim Alderman and David Smith are the committee at the present time. Just because the president is the apiary chairman does not mean that is always the case. The state of the clubs hives is good but David would like the bees to be busting out but they are not. The reason may be because of the hive beetles or because the tough winter.

Club.

Questions: New swarm in a soffit. Can you use Bee Go? David doesn't really do that but when they are in a tree spray with Off or other bug repellent to stop them from going back. How to build up the hives?

Thin out the full hives by pulling 2 frames from a hive and fill that new hive with 6 frames of brood some with stick eggs and capped brood.

Is a queen excluder is a honey excluder? Do we use two deeps in Florida? Normally here we have one deep hive. Up north they use two deep brood boxes. Question to queen exclude or to not? That is the question and discussion of the night. During this early flow the bees seem to not want to move through the excluder. Later in the year the bees will more readily move up through the queen excluder.

Apiary Report: Work party Saturday. We will check the bees for small hive beetle. Meet at the corner at the 39 and 60. Meet at 10:00 in the morning. Wear long sleeves and long sleeve shirts and tape the pant legs around. The two groves we have one of them wants the bees there until the last bloom hits the ground. They will go back to the apiary most likely before the seminar.

Jim Johnson was nominated to replace Bill Robert on apiary committee. Motion accepted. Dwight Aman seconded the motion.

Break 8:15 PM

New Business

Treasurer report. Beginning Balance of \$7258.10 Deposit 100.00 Expenses \$398.47 and outstanding checks \$ \$273.32 are Balance \$6959.63 moved to except the treasure report and several people seconded the motion.

Old Business Meeting:

Seminar Date May 15, 2010.

Amy Walker our chairwoman will update us on the seminar. The flyer is on the website and being distributed by members. The door prizes and speakers, food is under control. Queen rearing, seeing inside the hive, wax working. And extracting honey are just a few of the subjects to be covered at the seminar.

Cookbook: The 2010 cookbook will include the recipes from the prior cookbook and adding new recipes from people in 2010. **To submit recipes contact:** ray@landolkesfishes.com Mrs. Hackenberg is donating a American Federation Beekeeping Cookbook. Apparently this book is a limited edition. Thank you to the Hackenbergs.

Steve Woolheater presented hot wax dipped wood ware. The dip is pine gum resin and bees wax. The durability is 12 years.

He also suggest the boy scout merit badge for beekeeping to reinstated and we as an association have voted to help out by allowing the boy scouts to come to our work parties.

Bert Kelley talks about two plants Viburnum and Logustrum. It makes poor honey and if you can get the orange bloom honey off before the bees go to these plants.

Door prize provided by Bert Kelley.

Thank you to Rick and Ellen Crites for the great food and Michele and Gene Petys for the drinks.
The next meeting is May 13. 7:30PM. Meeting adjourned approximately 9:30 PM