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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, March 11, 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 4 guests and approximately 72 people attended the meeting. Refreshments were provided by Bert Kelley and Kelly McGinnis.

Thank you very much.

Speaker: Miguel Tovar represents All American Container located off 301 across from fair grounds. They have 50,000 square foot warehouse. Queenline to 55 gallon drums covers the range of containers they carry. Association pricing is being offered and All American Container will be letting the members know of the pricing. New customer account paper work is available so that the company will know the needs of the industry. The caps are pressure and heat applied cap. There is a company CKS that All American Container works with to meet the needs of our industry. Nell asked about 2 lbs bears. Basically they can provide us with almost any container but there has to be a large enough order for the company to carry it. All American Container will beef up the weight of the jars or containers with more resin to make the container heavier and more commercial grade container. The company will need the input from the hand out as to what product we need in order for the company will have a better product price. When you purchase containers it is tax exempt for customers with their beekeepers registration. All American Container will be very accommodating.

Club Apiary Report: Work party Saturday. Mr. Conrad's farm is located on the corner of US 60 and HWY 39 Meet AT 9:30 AM. Go east on 60 after Hwy 39 just past Hwy 39 on the right. This last week bees have been found dead in front of hives mostly likely from the cold weather.

Break 8:15 PM

New Business

Treasurer report. Beginning Balance of \$7751.06 Deposit \$731.35. Expenses 1224.31 and outstanding checks \$922.56 are Balance \$7258.10. Dwight Aman moved to except the treasure report and several people seconded the motion.

Cookbook : If you have honey recipes please submit the recipe to ray@landolkesfishes.com

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 are under control.

Gary Ranker.

Board of manager's report. Conference call: First item was the queen program is in effect. A chairperson for the honey queen age requirement is between the age 17 and 24 would work with people and promote the honey industry. If anyone knows of a young girl who knows beekeeping and would like to try for the position of honey queen. You could submit her name to Gary Ranker via the secretary.

Second part of the conference call is about the summer meeting and fall convention in Ft Myers.

Look at The Florida Bee keepers Assoc. for the news.

The Florida legislature. Small bottlers and zoning issues were discussed. Tom Nolan is a public issues watcher. 3 bills in the congress will be having difficulty passing. The bills include one to exempt beekeepers to acquire a license for bottling has been dropped. 2. Senate Bill 1900 exempt food producers that are small will be exempt from getting their license there is not a companion bill in the house. #3 House Bill this is a zoning bill and it would supersede the municipalities. It has wording that would allow the Agricultural Dept to come on your property and inspect and if needed destroy species of bees they deem undesirable species. It does not have a companion bill. Without companion bills bill go nowhere.

Travis Streeter is the new bee apiary inspector. Department of Plant industry Todd Jamison's old number.

.Old Business Meeting:

There was suggestion to give a donation to the Upper Tampa Bay Park for gravel for the road going back to the bees. David talked to man out at the Upper Tampa Bay Park said we could donate money to the park for the gravel road going down to the clubs apiary.

Door prize provided by All American Container. The next meeting is April 8th. 7:30PM Thank you to Bert Kelley and Kelly and Mrs. Kelley for the supper tonight. Meeting adjourned approximately 9:30 PM

