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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association
August 14, 2008
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, August 14, 2008, 7:30 pm at the Hillsborough County Extension Office meeting hall. Vice President Robert Messineo presided, There were 5 guests including Tom Sparkman, John and Tami Claress, John Szcrepangic and Joe Lombardo Approximate number of attendees: 50. Bruce and Kathy McGehee provided the refreshments. Thank you.

Speaker: There was no speaker this month. Todd Jamison was present with his knowledge and expertise.

Club Business Meeting

Treasurers report: \$5320.30 balance in club account. David Smith submitted a check for \$399.30 for the Palmetto honey. There were 363. Lbs @ \$1.10 per lbs.

General Discussion:

On ear marking funds :

Jane our treasurer told the group that we annually give to the American Beekeeping Federation and to the Upper Tampa Bay Park where the club apiary is located.

Jim Alderman suggested we designate fund for the books for the library. David Kennedy said some books are as much as \$30.00. There was a motion from Rick Crites to designated \$250.00 and the motion was seconded by Ruth Rymal The club approved.

Rick Crites asked about the Master bee keepers program. The Website to find all requirements is <http://entnemdept.ifas.ufl.edu/honeybee/master%20program%20requirements.pdf>.

Todd Jamison volunteered to call Dr Ellis to come to speak to the club about the Master Beekeepers Program.

The election of officers is coming in October and we need nominees for the treasure. Bill Roberts suggested we have a nominating committee. Jane Hall and Renee Hartmann volunteered for the committee. Just then Sandy Kitts nominated herself for the position and asked to check her calendar and would let us know in September.

Next we discussed to recent demise of a pit bull dog . Apparently this dog was tethered and the dog got around a hive in the yard and was stung to death. Todd Jamison was on site to collect and test for Africanization and the bees were European. It appears that because the dog was tied up the dog could not get away from the bees.

Club Apiary Report: Last month the club checked the hives for mites but the counts were low. David Smith will take care of the Apiary if the Storm Fay becomes a threat.

A motion by Jim Johnson after discussion was brought to the floor to use Round up or generic type of round up to help control the weeds. Rick Crites seconded. After a vote by hands the club approved the motion.

Next month the club membership dues will be collected \$15.00 for State association and \$5.00 for the Tampa bay Beekeepers Association. This price is per family.

Margie would like to share a natural alternative to herbicides and insecticides using Ivory soap and Oxidal, and Cayenne Pepper.

Announcements: Jerry Hayes, Chief Apiary Inspector was hurt over the Fourth of July weekend. He was beaten by some thugs on his street and was hospitalized. As of this meeting, he is on a walker and back to work .

Old Business: No old business New Business: No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 11, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at Hillsborough Extension office meeting hall. Bill and Mary Fay Roberts will bring the refreshments.

