

**MINUTES**  
**Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association**  
**November 13, 2008**  
***www.tampabaybeekeepers.com***

The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, November 13,, 2008, 7:30 pm at the Hillsborough County Extension Office meeting hall. President David Smith presided as president. Robert Messineo was not present as vice president. Joyce Lang was present as Treasurer and Renee Hartmann as secretary. Approximate number of attendees: 40. There were 6 guests. . Sandy Kitts brought the supper for the night.. Thank you for this wonderful supper. Door prizes provided by Bert Kelley. Thank you for your service to this club.

Speaker: Jamie Ellis was present with loads of energy and enthusiasm. His wife Amanda and son joined us. The first topics discussed were bee anatomy, the bees impact on the economy through pollination and the number of present day hives. Next CCD and the possible causes and unlikely causes were discussed. Breeder queens races and colors of Italian versus Russian were discussed as well as their resistance to Varroa mite and Tracheal mite. Next diseases and pests of bees such as Small hive beetle, Varroa mites, American foul brood, Chalk brood, European Foul Brood, and others were shown. Discussion on both chemical and biological control of the diseases and pests were covered as well. The subject of best management practices was discussed. All of this can be reviewed on Dr. Ellis's website [www.ufhoneybee.com](http://www.ufhoneybee.com) You can find out about the Master beekeepers Program as well as the Bee College location and when the next program will take place. We thank Dr Ellis for his enthusiasm and positive influence. .

Q&A for Dr. Jamie Ellis

Q. It seems mostly large operations experience the Colony Collapse Disorder than do smaller operations? A. At this time that appears to be mostly true.

Q. Are inner covers a magnet to small hive beetles? A. The covers act as a place where bees can not get to the small hive beetle.

Q. Is CCD possibly caused by the new chemical group neonicotinoid.? A. Could possibly be because of the systemic properties.

Other discussion on Breeder queens and color of the bees and origin were discussed.

Discussion on hygienic bees strain and how they destroy their own young to keep the hive clean.

Dr. Ellis is very gracious to email you answers to any and all questions. So please use his email found on the [www.ufhoneybee.com](http://www.ufhoneybee.com)

Club Business Meeting

New Business:

This website will educate on the **Argentine Ant** pest. Thank you to Todd Jamison  
<http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/entomology/444-285/444-285.html>

General Discussion:

Club Apiary Report:

David Smith reported on the apiary. Hives are full of honey. The work party will be pulling honey. Approx. 33 supers will be pulled. Meet at the park by 10:00 am.

Other jobs that are being done, David Smith built new pallets and new lids. We will be replacing the lids and pallets as well as pulling honey. David will disposed of old broken pallets and lids. David Smith will also haul the honey supers.

Treasure Report:

Joyce Lang reported \$4,311.87 in bank account

Christmas Party:

We are having a potluck dinner this year with 2 people bringing one turkey and one ham. All are welcome to bring a covered dish and come and celebrate the Christmas season.

Gifts for the Christmas party are optional. The limit is 5 to 10 dollars. Label the gift if it for a female or male.

Education:

**Kelley's Apiaries** has been selected for the 2008 Best of Lakeland Award in the Beekeepers Supplies category by the U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA). Congratulations Bert!

Bert Kelley reported Primrose willow and Salt Bush are about the only plants bringing in pollen at this time. Primrose Willow has a 4 petal yellow flower, grows in ditches and the pollen is yellow and stringy.

Other topics:

**David Kennedy** is requesting every one **return** the books they checked out this year. He would like to do an inventory of the books the club has for us to use. Special thanks the David his service as librarian. As we all try to gain knowledge it is nice to know we can check the books out of our own club library so to reach our individual goals.

Old Business

Movento is a new insecticide that citrus growers are using for greening. It is to control the psyllid that causes the greening. Beware of this if you are pollinating or keeping bees in groves.

Door Prizes were distributed and provided by Bert Kelley. Thank you.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 11, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at Hillsborough Extension office meeting hall. This is a Christmas Party without any business meeting. We hope see you all there.**

*Submitted by Renee Hartmann*