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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association
May 14, 2009
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, May 14, 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 9 guests and approximately 62 people attended the meeting. Refreshments were provided by Steve Woolheater. Thank you for home cooking all these fine foods for our group.

Old business:

.Ruth Rymal update for the Australian project. She will need another month to report.

Business meeting

James Lee of Rare Fruit Council International 813-982-9359 is interested in having bees on their farm. They are will be willing to negotiate or trade in terms of the fee.

Bert Kelley reported on the blooming plants at this time are Coral vine. And Chinese Tallow Palmetto, and soon Gallberry.

Israel is trying to instigate program to propagate honey producing plants. He suggested we petition Tallahassee to follow suit with a similar program.

Treasurer report. \$ 4172.48 Motion to approve and passed
Minutes for March were approved.

Seminar report: May 16, 2009 Rebecca Conroy is chairman for this seminar. Seminar at Upper Tampa Bay Park 96 signed up. It appears all is under control. .

Club Apiary Report: Bees are on cucumbers. They will be back to park next month for Black mangrove'.

Break 8:30

Noel Blanchett showed the group a package of 3 lb bees. It comes with 50,000 bees and a queen.

Door prize provided by Bert Kelly

Gary Van Cleef will present at the UF botanical gardens. He does a demonstration monthly. He will be extracting honey in the next couple of months. You could email him at

BEEKEEPER@AMERICASBEEKEEPER.COM

Or the University of South Florida Botanical gardens will let you know
www.cas.usf.edu/garden

There will not be a work party this month because of seminar. Plan on the hive being back at the park for June work party.

Next meeting is June 11, 2009

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:50 PM

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Submitted by, RENEE HARTMANN