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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, November 12, 2009, 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 11 guests and approximately 75 people attended the meeting. Refreshments were provided by Mary and Bill Roberts

Thank you very much.

David Smith as the Apiary coordinator explains what is needed in the apiary to make the work party more efficient.

1. The blower is not David's favorite way of moving the bees down. He would rather not use them.

He prefers fume and smoking. .

2. Queen excluders are on top of the brood box. Be careful when prying the super to press the hive tool down and do not pull up. Pulling up will bend the queen excluder and the queen will be able to go up into the super.
3. Fume board. Squirt the Bee Go or Bee Quick on the board and all around the inside of the fume board. When not using the fume board keep it horizontal, not vertical to ground because the liquid will drain down onto the ground.
4. When we run the bees down off of the super that we would be pulling make sure to put the super to be pulled on the very top and place fume board on allow it to do the work moving the bees to the next super down and the brood box not out the front opening.
5. Fully capped supers verses not quite fully capped suppers. . Not always do the supers have to be fully capped for the honey to be ripe. Shake the frames to make sure the honey does not shake out.

Discussion about bottling and licenses and treatments for disease and mites. Putting patties on the bees will help the queen produce more brood to get through the winter nicely. Mega bee is mixed by using 2 parts sugars to 1 part powder and 1gallon of honey. This helps with them from condensing too much. The weak hives will be placed on top of another hive and put newspaper between if the queen lays up above flip the lower box to the top. Put the queen excluder on top of the two brood boxes.

Please do not beat the boxes on the ground to get the bees out. Beating the box breaks the frames.

Break at 8:30 pm

Discussion of Christmas party on December 10, at 7:30PM. This is a potluck except for the turkey and ham. Jonathan Fisher and Kelley Apiaries are bringing the turkey and ham.

New business:

Ray Fisher would like to head up a committee to compile a recipe book of honey recipes. People who would like to help out meet before the meeting 15 or 20 minutes ahead of time. That means come to the meeting in January by 7:00 and 7:25 for discussion with the committee.

Club Apiary Report: Hives are back at the Upper Tampa bay Park. Every person at the apiary needs to have signed waivers. Wear long sleeves and long pants. Work party starts 10:00 AM.

Treasurer report. We harvested 5 barrel from the last pull. From 99 supers. In the bank account is \$ 6310.83 in the checking and 1000.00 CD. Motion to approve and passed.

Door prize provided by Bert Kelly.

Thank you to Bill and Mary Fay Roberts for the supper tonight.

Next month is the Christmas Party. Ray Fisher has volunteered to bring the refreshments for January. Please make sure during the year to participate in the bringing of the refreshments. You may share this with another person or just volunteer to bring something the month you sign up.

Next meeting is December 10, 2009 Christmas Party. Please come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Gifts are optional. If you bring a gift you receive a gift.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:40 PM

