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Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association
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The Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association monthly meeting came to order on Thursday, February 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 7 guests and approximately 68 people attended the meeting. Refreshments were provided by Steve Woolheater
Thank you very much.

Speaker: David Westervelt works for the State as a bee hive inspector. He tells us about the Bee college by U of F. Subjects will cover Africanized bees, beekeeping in general and bee removal, DNA and bees, Welsh Honey judging and First responders as well as, commercial beekeeping and chemicals in bee keeping. Junior Bee College is going on at the same time.

Small hive beetle this time of year is not as active as in the warmer weather. We now know the beetle and bees coexist in the hive. The bees feed beetle and now the beetle feeds the bee larva. First week of May you will start having problem with small hive beetle. The adult beetle fly's in and is about ¼ inch. The larva is mobile and looks like with rice. An easy way to get the beetles is to place the supers on the lid and the sunlight pushes them down and when you put the supers back the beetles are on the lid and you can smash them. Use oil or lime powder in the beetle traps to kill the beetle. Origin of small hive beetle is South Africa. First found two years before they were indentified. By that time they were spread all over. The hive is a great survival place. The beetle egg is 24 hours or less as an egg. The larva stage varies. And pupa stage also varies. Beetle as adults live up to 600 days. There is symbiotic relationship to the honey bees. Nematodes have been tried with out success yet. Gardstar can be effective when sprayed right around the hive that has been taken out by small hive beetles. Temperature survival is 68 degrees minimum and 108 maximum.

Break 8:30 PM

New Business

Bert Kelley: Thank you for the fair volunteer.

Treasurer report. Balance of \$ 8200.80 dep. 125.00 expenses 574.74 and Balance 7751.06

Queens are needed for hobbyist. Queen raisers needed. Let David Smith know if you will sell queens to small operations. smithhoneybee@yahoo.com

Seminar Date May 15, 2010. The pavilions cost 132.75 each. We need a person to receive the registration and organize the registration.

Gary Ranker has a free tuition pass was given to all the local associations to go the bee college. Raffle tickets were passed out for those that want to go to the Bee College. Beau Brake is the winner of the tickets.

Board of managers: Right to keep honey bees in municipalities, because of trouble with municipalities tryiing to get a law to keep honey bees in the municipalities. The law would be determined by Jerry Hayes office.

Club Apiary Report: Bees are out east on Willow. Work party Saturday. Meet Ricks Barbeque. 11:30 am and after lunch we will go to the bees. Wear long sleeves and long pants.

Old Business Meeting: Cookbook: Any mead making recipes and testimonials for honey used for health were asked to be additions to the cookbook.

There was suggestion to give a donation to the Upper Tampa Bay Park for gravel for the road going back to the bees. David will see if we can donate money towards the shell.

Door prize provided by Bert Kelly.

Thank you to Steven Woolheater for the supper tonight.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:15 PM