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Beekeepers of Volusia County Florida

Newsletter, February 2016

Management Calendar February 2016

1. Feed colonies if light (colonies can starve!)
2. Can treat colonies for Nosema disease using Fumigillin
3. Can treat with Terramycin or Tylan for American foulbrood prevention

Blooming Plants

Plum - continues to bloom in March
Cherry - continues to bloom in March
Oak - continues to bloom in March
Walter Viburnum - continues to bloom in March
Sweet Clover - continues to bloom in March
Blueberry - continues to bloom in March
Haw - continues to bloom in March
Fetterbush - continues to bloom in March

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Events of Interest to Beekeepers

Volusia County Beekeepers Meeting
February 24, 2016, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Fourth Wednesday of the month
Volusia County Fairgrounds

University of Florida **Bee College**
March 4th & 5th, 2016
St Augustine, Fl.
Check our website for a link to more information
and registration.

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Need Help? Call a Mentor!

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A Message from the President

From the President:

Hello. It's another year and a new President. I'll begin with some housekeeping. To begin with we need a mission statement which I will present at the February 24, 2016 meeting for approval as well as an organizational chart and revised contact sheet. There will also be the usual talks, demonstrations, Q&A, etc.. I'd like to waste as little time on transitional issues possible and get right to work. Spring is short and time is at a premium for prep and establishing hives for the remainder of the year.

I have a few news issues to relay. Queens & nucs; Jesse from S&S Apiaries also D&J report insufficient drone activity to commence breeding yet. Get your name on waiting lists early & group your orders if possible, you'll get better service. If using Jester's Bees it is highly recommended that you group your order with Mike Hays as soon as possible. Jesse will be leaving in about 3 months to conduct business out west so conduct your business with him accordingly since filling orders will be difficult if not impossible once he is on the road.

The Zika virus is now considered a State Emergency and surrounds the state with all cases originating from travelers coming in from outside the United States. State Mosquito Control will be increasing their spaying program at night & hopes to increase kill rates with cold snaps. The spray dissipated at sun light but unfortunately for us swarming behaviors do not always mean bees go in the box at night especially when numbers surge so I am trying to obtain a schedule of treatment areas from Volusia County Mosquito Control but they are not returning my calls. It is recommended that you cover your hives at night when spraying occurs in your area. I'll keep you posted.

Finally, it's cold outside! Be sure to reduce your sugar/water feed mixtures from 2 to 1 down to 1 to 1 to prevent moisture build-up in hives and the resulting mold problems.

I'd like to thank all of the members who participated last year to give us a successful program and those who are planning to volunteer in the year ahead.

Bee Healthy, Bee Happy,

Timothy R. Blodgett -President Beekeepers of Volusia County

Beekeepers of Volusia County, Florida

Meeting Agenda February 24, 2016

Call to order and welcome
Tim Blodgett, President

Welcome new members

Approve January 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report - Ron Kull

Presidents Discussion

Old Business:
Election of Club Officers

New Business:

1. Mission statement
2. Organizational Chart
3. Contact sheet
4. Constant Contact software
5. Membership dues
6. Bee feeder demonstration (non-drowning design)
7. Break
8. Food sources in season
9. Bee Yard reminders
10. Q&A

Adjourn

Beekeepers of Volusia County Club Meeting
Minutes of 01/27/16

Called to order by President Mike Hays @ 6:30pm.

49 in attendance.

Welcome to new attendees who introduced themselves.

Master Beekeeper Vice President Marlin Athearn discussed

opportunity to have a booth, community outreach at the Daytona Beach News Journal's Spring Home Show April 1-4, 2016 at the Ocean Center. Motion passed for \$100 entrance fee. Volunteers will be needed for the booth.

City of Ormond Beach Echo Park on Division Road will soon have an environmental observation honey bee hive. Club members are invited to sign up to volunteer with keeping the hives. Expected grand opening will be May, 2016.

Treasury report: \$1804.29

The fiscal year begins in February. Membership / renewals are \$15.00 per family each year. The treasurer has membership forms, or go to the website.

Order bees now for the spring.

Members introduced themselves, sharing where they live, their experience in beekeeping. All in attendance encouraged to share with one another & ask questions at the break.

Snack break & social time.

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks for future meetings.
If it's your birthday month, bring a snack to share!
The Club provides the soda.

Elections were held. Effective 02/2016 the Beekeepers of Volusia County Club officers are
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Larry Hurt, Vice President
Ron Kull, Treasurer
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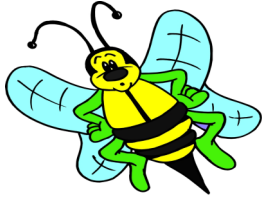
Volunteers are needed to give presentations at the club meeting

At the February 24 meeting Stephen will give a demonstration about building a feeder box.
At the March 23 meeting Marlin will give a talk on splitting hives.
April 27 meeting, agenda to be announced.
At the May 25 meeting, requeening.

Have topics you would like to hear about or want to share with the group, let us know.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

Submitted Donna Balo, secretary



Did You Know?

NUC Installation Instructions

1. When you arrive home, place the NUC on top of the bottom screen board of your hive.
Do Not Feed Nuc.
2. Remove the front screen door with bungee cord - let the front door drop to the ground.
3. Make sure that the front screen door is off otherwise the **bees will Die!**
4. Next day if it is at least 60 degrees (or if it is raining wait until the weather is better)
5. **Bees are perishable...**We give out the nucs when the bees are ready to go into a hive. If you leave them in the nuc box they will swarm....PLEASE install in hive body as soon as weather permits you to.
 - ◇ Put three (new) frames in your new hive body that you are going to install your NUC frames into.
 - ◇ Lightly smoke the NUC.
 - ◇ Remove one of the outside frames first **Very Gently** (it should have less bees on it). This will give room to slide frames over and not roll bees when removing them from the NUC.
 - ◇ Install your NUC frames into the new hive body in the same order you removed them from the NUC box.
 - ◇ **Make sure you have a queen before you remove any queen cells while you are installing your bees. If you are sure you do, find any queen cells and make sure you remove them.**
 - ◇ Then put your last two frames (new) in and your hive is complete! You will have a total of ten frames in your new hive.
6. If you find some bees lingering in the NUC box, this is normal. Move the NUC box a few feet away from your new hive and leave your lid off, the bees will find their way to their new home!
7. **Start feeding sugar water now!!**
 - ◇ 2 quarts of hot water mixed with 4 lbs. of sugar, let it cool; then give to bees. Refrigerate the rest of the sugar water for next feeding.
 - ◇ Feed until 80% of the hive body frames are drawn out then make #1 frame #2 and #9 frame #10 and add Honey super Feed Honey super for 7 to 10 more days.

This excerpt was taken from Buster's Bees website, www.bustersbees.com

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