



TVBA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: January 24, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order / Opening Remarks:

Chad Poole opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:

Minutes from the previous meeting on November 22, 2010 were approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Bob Gray reported a mentoring program will begin in February 2011 and run through October. The program will be limited to 30 students. TVBA members will be allowed first choice of registering for the course. A registration form will be posted on the TVBA website. There will be three groups of 10 students, with a mentor assigned to each group. Groups will meet one Saturday per month. The bees will be installed in April this year. The cost will be \$350, which includes an 8-frame hive, package of bees and some equipment. One partial scholarship per group, for a total of three, will be awarded. The hives will be placed at the Hamilton County Extension Office on Bonny Oaks. The class is scheduled to be held at the Home Builder's Association on February 10th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

The Tennessee state apiarist, Mike Studer talked about honey labeling laws, state requirements for hive registration, and hive inspection and inspector grants as well as issues surrounding Africanized bees. He also answered questions from the group on various treatments for disease and hive maintenance.

Meeting Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mission Statement:

"To promote the study, science and craft of beekeeping and to provide education and encouragement to all Tennessee Valley beekeepers."