

FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

January 16, 2004

Jacksonville , FL.

Meeting convened at 10:30 a.m. by Laurence Cutts.

Attending:

Malcolm Sanford
Laurence Cutts (Tupelo)
Bert Kelley (Ridge)
Elmore Herman (Ridge)
David Westervelt (Central)
Josh Gentry (Palm Beach)
Lee Del Signore (Sub Tropical)
Bert Gwaltney and Fred Mellor (Tupelo)

Associations represented Ridge (Bert Kelley, Elmore Herman), Central (David Westervelt), Palm Beach (Josh Gentry), Sub Tropical (Lee Del Signore) and Tupelo (Bert Gwaltney, Fred Mellor, Laurence Cutts).

Minutes of November 1, 2003 meeting in Tampa read by the M. Sanford. No corrections; Motion to approve (Elmore Herman, second Lee Del Signore—passed) See the web site for minutes of past sessions <<http://floridabeekeepers.org>>.

Discussion of newsletter published in January to take the place of the letter the president is to send out according to the bylaws to remind members of their dues. This edition contained on the mailing label the status of each person. Those present thought this a good alternative for the first cut. After a period it was decided to send a first-class mailing to those who are not paid for 2004.

Discussion of FSBA brand. There are now two in existence. One is Bronze (Lee del Signore), other is stainless steel (David Westervelt). Lee said American Bronze Factory made good ones for \$90.

Treasurer's Report: Bert Kelly reported a balance of \$12,492.84, with very few bills left to pay. Motion to accept report (Elmore Herman), seconded (David Westervelt), passed.

Discussion of Laurence Cutts' loan. Motion to pay Laurence \$6,000 remaining balance of his loan to the association for research activities (see previous minutes) by Elmore Herman, seconded (Bert Kelley), passed. Check written by Mr. Kelley and handed to Laurence with thanks from the association.

Apiary Report. Ex-president Herman reported the following additions to the Conrad Cramer Memorial Apiary (contributions offered at the state meeting in Tampa):

This is a list of Beekeepers and the gifts for the new Apiary according to Ex-President Herman:

Joaquin S Garcia 1081 Platt Rd Naples FL. 34120	6 Hives
Noel Blanchet 10002 Ida St Riverview FL 33569	4 Hives
Malcom "Doc" Bullard 9801 Lyman Dr Pensacola, FL	10 Hives
Bill Merritt 3300 Smith Creek Rd Sopchoppy, FL.	20 Hives
David Hackenberg 20954 Tribby Cemetery Rd Dade City, FL.	12 Hives
Earl Russell 1274 Persque Isle Dr Port Charlotte, FL.	50 Supers
Bill Roberts 601 Taylor Rd Seffner, FL. 33584	50 Supers
Dadant Jerry Latner 15815 NW 188th St Alachua, FL. 32615	50 Supers

At the present time there are a total of 66 colonies (Cramer Apiaries), 48 colonies (Lee Del Signore; South Florida Apiary) and 16 colonies (Elmore Herman) making up the Conrad Cramer Memorial Apiary. A check for those managed by Cramers was forthcoming. The Apiary committee has developed a form for reporting from apiary managers.

Bert Kelley can no longer serve as region six (6) nominating committee member for the National Honey Board. Discussion of who would replace him. Two people are required to be recommended. Elmore Herman considering the position. Anyone nominated must be committed to attend the meetings. Anyone interested should contact President Cutts.

Invitation to consider Sponsorship of 2004 National Association of County Agriculture Agents by Gary Brinen discussed. There is no money budgeted for this and the educational budget is all spoken for. Executive Director to write a note to Gary Brinen stating the Association's regrets.

Since the Department of Agriculture will no longer sponsor a bee beard at the state fair, there was discussion as to whether the state association would take it on. Those at this meeting believed it could be handled. Elmore Herman motioned to have Laurence Cutts chair this activity, seconded by David Westervelt, passed.

Bert Kelley passed around a sign up for helping at the state fair; he is this year's coordinator. Anyone interested in helping please contact him. He also mentioned that the varieties of honey present at the last fair went over well and this will be continued (tupelo, gallberry (holly), palmetto and orange. He also suggested adding a creamed honey for the tasting.

The honey labels for the state fair have ex-president Herman's address. Motion to keep this until the labels run out (Bert Kelly), seconded David Westervelt, Passed.

Motion to have the Executive Secretary mail a card to James Fussell, 1867 King Rd., Bartow, FL 33830 saying members missed him at the Federation Meeting in Jacksonville and were thinking about him.

Motion to adjourn (Elmore Herman), seconded by Bert Kelley, Passed.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M.T. Sanford
Executive Secretary