

BEES NORTH

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Newsletter of the Townsville & District Beekeepers Association

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This newsletter has what I hope is quite a bit of interest. Our next meeting is in Mundingburra. It's the AGM. A very important meeting. Positions are up for grabs. A sausage sizzle to use up the food from a previous meeting.

Doug McBride has both varieties of beetle traps available, so if you are having a problem with too much competition in your hive, give Doug a call. We hope to have a few of the newer traps available.

Neil Elliman has the library at his place so give him a ring to be able to pick any books or tapes that may help in your search for more knowledge about your best hobby or possibly your next career move.

Apologies for no Newsletter in July.



NEXT MEETING

Sunday 21st. August 2011

AGM. Followed by the

August meeting. 2pm.

Ron & Rose Rapson's place.

10 Mango Ave

Mundingburra

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Please bring a chair, tea and coffee provided.
We're even providing a small sausage sizzle.

All members, families and guests are

We will elect a new President at least and we need another Editor for the newsletter. It could be split between people. The hardest part is getting p'copied, and mailed out.

Please consider this and any of the other positions including committee members.

REMEMBER THAT DUES ARE NOW
TO BE COLLECTED BY OUR
TREASURER.

\$20 FOR MOST OF US. See
membership form in this newsletter.

WHITEFORD Grant

From: Grant Whiteford <grantwhiteford4@optusnet.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 August 2011 8:35 PM
To: Grant Whiteford
Subject: bee mins july

Townsville and District Beekeepers Association. meeting 17-07-11

Acting President Dennis welcomes club members and the new members at his hives. It was too overcast, cold and windy to open them.
sit down meeting began 2.40.pm.

Attendance: as per signed book.
13 members and guests.

Apologies: Dave Hoey, Rhonda Sheens; Mike James; Joe & Susan Morrisey.; Angela Caston

Previous mins accepted as read, Moved: Dave M.; sec: VirginiaM .

Minutes and Matters Arising:

Ray B to be added to the Swarm list.
ABK article biological control of the SHB to use in the ground.
Grant still to follow up on the sandwich boards and a banner for the club
the new trap man wanted credit card rather than invoice us

Correspondence:

New member Kirsty Sugden , 182 Ireland St. Oonoonba, 4778 3406

TREASURER' report: as presented by Doug Mc Bride. again healthy
Accounts for payment

Ken Caleo wil again audit the books ready for the AGM. Doug to arrange.

Still SHB traps (2 kinds) available from this meeting. recommended using oil and Earth traps together in the same hive for best results.

General Business.

thanks to Ray B for producing the old recipe book for the information he shared about the book.

The Web site is still being looked at.

Paul spoke about his hives getting stronger and being quiet. He spoke about his plastic 3 high boxes he got from Gippsland, pretty impressive unit and very solid.

Ray had his first extraction 6 frames for 14 kg of honey.

Ron and Rose up at Murray Upper are doing well

if member want copper naphlate for their boxes it can be purchased from "Its Paints" on Charters Towers Road.

Dennis read out of the ABK that Imidacloprid is damaging the bees.. Confidor, watch for the people pollination as confidor is used by growers. Also Gauco a seed covering causes trouble in bees.

Paul mentioned that he is worried about a disease of the mange trees & what would effect the bees, (anthracnos?)

Kirsty is looking to begin hives at her place.

Dan offered to help new beekeepers to set up with selling bees and hives to them. Contact him if you need bees and equipment. He hasn't got it all but some you can begin with.

A new editor for the newsletter is needed as Mannie cannot continue.

Murtle rust is a very big concern right through the East coast now.

If Rupertswood goes ahead again this year, club members will be asked to consider manning a stall there as well.

Swarm list up to date needs to be for the next honey flow. Tina Paul Payne; Ron Rapson; Mannie van Ryswijk; Doug McBride; Chris McGaw.

Grant to inform the DPI and the Council.

Remember when collecting swarms, you will need to place them in a place where they wont affect your bees, (Quarantined in effect for a few months to ensure disease is not spread

SHB still a big problem; check hives regularly; beekeepers still losing hives to them. SHB affected frames, ie with the "slime" can be washed gently with bleach and water but dry very well.

Food for bees

Do not feed bees honey from the supermarket as it probably will contain foul brood bacteria and disease spores from other countries (eg. China).

make a mix of half water and half sugar and either put it in a plastic bag with a few pin holes in it on top of the hive, inside, or put it in a jar right beside the entrance but solid enough for the bees to be able to walk on it. you can buy food from suppliers if you like.

If a coldish winter feed the bees to help them keep strong and ward off the hive beetle. the beetle succeeds with weak hives. feed them once a week
if you have concerns about the the year speak with an experienced member.

Check with Ralph Chetham for the hire of a trailer set up to take honey off the hives you have at your place. Ring and get the information. Newer members can ask experienced members for help and advice.

The honey flow is coming up and we need to be ready because after the poor season maybe we will be getting a bumper one. It was early last year and maybe again this year. Have your stocks ready and plan ahead when looking at taking off honey, collecting swarms etc.

Beeeaters in numbers around T'ville again, early this year it seems.

New type of trap for SHB the club will purchase. Dan D wants 20 of them, Club wants 20. Grant to organiize with Doug.

The ABK is worth getting only \$60 a year and full of interesting information that may not be found on the 'net'.

Fred and Tina will collect swarms around the Burdekin please contact them if necessary.

Tony Lamont wants to buy a hive if you have one to sell. see him.

Talk on where the next meetings will be.

Coming meetings

21st August AGM at Ron and Rose's place

18th Sept. Dan Brown's place at Bluewater

October AT YOUR PLACE

AGM meeting will have a small sausage sizzle.

All positions are vacant as usual but if you are keen to be more involved let me know. **We need a President**

If you have interesting bee stuff, please email to Grant so it can be shared with other members.

Grant's email, grantwhiteford4@optusnet.com.au.

2 web addresses of note,

www.unep.org

<http://www.cosmosmagazine.com/news/4111/asian-bees-invade-and-rob-australian-honeybees>

at:<http://www.honeybeesonline.com/lessons.html>

thank you to the members that supplied to the club.

Meeting closed 3.40pm

35 members

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I enclose \$20 for one year family membership

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