

Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club

Annual Report

2008

The initial organizational meeting for a local Southwest Idaho beekeepers club was held on Monday, January 21, 2008 @ Edward's Greenhouse. A consensus was reached that the name of the organization should be the Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club.

The Club conducts monthly meetings at 7 pm on the third Monday of each month. Presently, thanks to the generosity of the State of Idaho and Mike Cooper, the Idaho State Bee Inspector, the club meets at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture lower conference room, 2270 Old Penitentiary Road.

The Club Officers for 2008 consist of the following individuals:

President – Renae Woodard

Vice-President — Kevin Duesman

Secretary — MJ Oresik

Treasurer — Steve Sweet

Webmasters — MJ Oresik

Forum Master-Ken Price

The Club presently has an e-mail roster of 46 members that in addition to a number of hobbyists includes Nick Noyes, Jonathan Millet and Bill Ahaus.

The Club maintains a website and a web forum at the following Internet sites:

Club web site: <http://idabees.org/>

Club Internet forum: <http://idabees.org/yetanotherforum/>

Bylaws were finalized late in Calendar Year 2008, and a copy is attached to this summary.

In addition to the regular meetings, on April 12, 2008, approximately 25 club members were treated to a tour of Noyes Apiaries, in Fruitland, ID. Nick demonstrated hive manipulation and provided a tour of the facilities. A number of individuals purchased nucs from Noyes Apiaries.

The Club has developed a swarm call list that is centrally coordinated by Ken Price. Approximately 150 swarm calls were fielded during the spring of 2008. (Correction: In a subsequent conversation with Ken Price, approximately 300-500 swarm calls were fielded by the Club, with approximately 150 of those provided by Jonathan Millet.)

Presently, the club has a surplus of \$112.88 in the treasury. The money was raised by the voluntary passing of the hat at an initial meeting, plus proceeds from raffles held during the monthly meetings and generous gifts by Club members.

Anticipated activities for 2009 include elections for Club Officers in February. Also, there is great interest amongst Club members toward housing a microscope to be used for Nosema spp. identification. The Club will be working toward acquiring the equipment and expertise necessary for accurate testing for the spores.

As a Club officer, I would like to express the Club members' sincere appreciation to the Idaho Honey Industry Association for the excellent programs in both 2007 and 2008, for the enthusiastic support in getting organized, for conducting the field tour, along with selling members nucs and mated queens.

Respectfully Submitted,

//Steve Sweet, December 6, 2008