

November 5, 2009 minutes of the ETBA meeting

Vice president Gloria Harmon called the meeting to order and gave the pledge and invocation. Visitors were introduced. 5+ swarm calls reported over the last few weeks.

Vi Bourns recognized all the volunteers for the TBA convention and thanked everyone for all the help getting ready. All the details are coming together and it is going to be a great convention.

Kellie Lenamond gave us a report of her work at the State Fair of Texas; she gave cooking demonstrations along with other honey queens and the American Honey Princess. She said it was a lot of fun and they all supported and learned from each other. A picture DVD was presented of the cooking demonstrations. A second picture presentation was shown of an interview of Kellie by Catherine O'Dell of Cambridge University Press. Ms. O'Dell interviewed Kellie in her bee yard about beekeeping that will be published at a later date.

Gloria Harmon gave us a list of names for Beekeeper of the Year and handed out ballots. The winner will be announced at the Christmas party.  
Nominees are Randy Bobo, 6 year member.  
Bill Lapier, long time member and big supporter.  
Andrew Bellefeuille, current ETBA president.

Jan Aerts reported that "the bee man" will be auctioning off his equipment December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. See Jan for details.

Kellie Lenamond showed us the beautiful quilt she made for the TBA convention. It will be auctioned off at the Saturday night auction with proceeds benefiting the queen scholarship fund.

Dick Counts discussed hive checks, are you seeing any drones in your hives. He also reported that many beekeepers have lost hives since September.

Many samples of honey were submitted for the honey tasting contest. Samples of honey were tasted and ballots handed out. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Party.

An auction and raffle was held at the end of the meeting.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party at Traditions restaurant.