

BEaR Group of Mississippi

October 7, 2008 Meeting – 1:00 to 4:30 P.M.
Thompson Hall – Tully Auditorium
Mississippi State University Starkville, MS

- 1:00 Welcome, Call to Order, and Introductions – Kevin Nelms, BEaR President and USDA, NRCS Wildlife Biologist
- 1:05 Brief History of BEaR – Kevin Nelms
- 1:15 Mississippi Bears Update– Brad Young, Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) Bear Biologist
- 2:00 Update on Bears in Neighboring States – Shauna Ginger, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Bear Biologist
- 2:10 BBCC Report – Richard Rummel, BBCC Member and MDWFP Biologist
- 2:15 Mississippi Beekeepers Association Update on Africanized Honey Bees – Harry Fulton, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) State Entomologist
- 2:35 Break
- 2:45 Previous Bear Research and Future for Bear Research in Mississippi – Dr. Jerry Belant, Mississippi State University (MSU) Assistant Professor
- 3:30 Administrative
- Approval of previous minutes and membership report – Becky Rosamond, BEaR Secretary and USFWS Refuge Biologist, Tallahatchie NWR
 - Financial report – Bo Sloan, BEaR Vice-President and USFWS Refuge Manager, Panther Swamp NWR
- 3:40 Project Progress
- Entergy Grant – Becky Rosamond
 - BEaR Booth – Kevin Nelms
 - Black Bear SAFE CRP – Kevin Nelms
- 3:50 Great Delta Bear Affair 2008 Update – Meg Cooper, GDBA Coordinator and BEaR Board Member and Melissa Darden, GDBA Committee and BEaR Board Member
- 4:00 Old Business – Kevin Nelms
- Action items from previous BEaR meeting
- 4:10 New Business – Kevin Nelms
- Aerial Telemetry Project
 - Education Products
 - Others
- 4:25 Concluding Remarks – Kevin Nelms

