

## BBA Board Mtg. 2/11/2016

Called to order 9pm. All board members present

TD account is closed. BB&T is our new bank.

Total now is \$6,500

Leo asked if we are in negative cash flow.

Dan replies that we are in a positive cash flow.

Ivan did not have the income and expenses from last month available.

Dan has been watching the Facebook page and he gets notifications. It is getting a lot of activity and gaining an audience.

Website now has a counter of individuals and looks at IP addresses so only new/unique users are counted

Ivan is counting the paid membership total.

January – Harry's call list. We had 15 calls to BBA. 4 calls had to be referred out to people for rescues. Harry is getting a lot of general beekeeping interested calls. People are saying they are choosing off the website people to call and are calling them.

John Caldwell suggests anyone who gets a referral from someone who calls should be paying something back from what someone earns.

Leo suggests charging for being on the bee rescue list

Dara suggests asking those on the list to contribute in mentoring or giving effort to the club.

Ivan wants to charge people for using the apiary.

Dara disagrees and says it is a benefit of the club for members who don't have the privilege of a home with a yard where to put their bees.

Ivan and Dara believe that beekeepers must respond with whether they solved the job. Ivan will pull together guidelines he agrees should be in place. Dara agrees. Harry is alright with that and we will all review next meeting.

Apiary owners of the first parcel are discussing with Dan the possibility of putting up a fence but because it is commercial property there is a city process for getting a gate. Dan is working with the owner of the plot of the apiary

Dan Lewis – counties and cities don't want to put micro apiaries on their land and have volunteers to manage the hives. Dan Lewis asked Dan N to come up with a training program for those who could be responsible for managing them and would be paid.

Dara agrees with Dan Lewis that professional hive management through BBA is important and that was the intent of changing the organization of the BBA.

If BBA is going to share a role in the Micro Apiary and share the stage, the organization has to step up. A grant is out there.

Dan Lewis says BBA hasn't done anything yet.

Leo has said he set up a 501C but Dan Lewis said he doesn't need structure he needs folks to be in charge of it.

The most important part of this is sustainability with its own income stream. Building and maintaining.

**THIS APIARY IS VERY FIRST ONE IN THE COUNTRY.**

BROWARD COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH CARE PLANNING ASSOCIATION. THE PATCH PROGRAM THAT WAS GOING TO HAVE AN APIARY.

John C and Dan L and Albee sat with them. They have the money to write a grant but they have to have a rigorous data requirement. So they can build a relationship with the University of Florida. To create the data base for their grant writers.

They want to provide training and research access to the apiary there but BBA has to commit to working with them professionally.

(BIG ISSUE IS WE STILL NEED TO HAVE THE BROWARD BEEKEEPERS .COM RETURNED TO THE CLUB FROM HERRING – A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE ARE BEING DIRECTED RIGHT TO HIS SITE AS IT HAS BEEN SINCE HE DID IT . We must follow up with a demand letter to him asap.)

9:55 adjourned.