

BROWARD BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2017

Present at meeting:	President:	Dan Novak
	Vice President:	Harry Pellish
	Treasurer:	Gary Hitchcock
	Secretary:	Joyce Johnson
	Board Member:	John Coldwell
	Member	Leo Gosser

Meeting was called to order at 2052 hours by the President, Dan Novak.

Meeting Discussions:

Dan Novak & Leo Gosser brought up concerns about John Caldwell participating in external activities. John Caldwell is now President and Founder of the Urban Farming Institutes, "East Side Bee Club". This raised concerns for the BBA due to fear of losing BBA members if John Caldwell would try to recruit current members by utilizing the BBA's email list. After hearing John's explanation all board members agreed that there would be no conflict of interest at this time.

We also discussed the interest of the East Side Bee Club and spoke about micro-apiaries that were in place and ones that were being planned for installation. John Caldwell is currently trying to get the Broward Community College to allow a micro-apiary placed on school campus in Ft. Lauderdale.

John Caldwell discussed his concerns about members doing bee removals and being sponsored on the BBA webpage. John Caldwell states that there may be a legal issue if someone were to sue since the BBA has members listed on the bee removal page. Dan Novak along with other members disagreed since the BBA clearly states on the webpage that BBA does not perform bee removal services and the people listed on the page are not representatives of the BBA, they are considered independent contractors.

By Laws and Directors insurance was discussed.

There was an update on the BBA domain name issue and John Herrings unlawful use of it. There is a \$1500 fee to get the legal process started. A complaint was already written and filed.

2135 hours the meeting was concluded.

