

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
OF  
BROWARD BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**Held At Pappas Deli Restaurant  
10299 Royal Palm Blvd, Coral Springs – 6/14/2013**

<b>Present at the Meeting:</b>	President	- Dr. Leo Gosser	- 954-344-1493
	Vice President	- John Herring	- 954-559-0700
	Treasurer	- Dan Novak	- 954-461-7213
	Secretary	- Novelette Reid	- 954-494-6769

**Also present at the meeting was the Association’s past Treasurer, Marie Gosser.**

The meeting was called to order by President at 1:00 p.m.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:-**

- Dues Policy
- Inventory control
- Publicity – Website, Facebook, Forum, Swapshop, etc
- New Phone

**Dues Policy**

Dr. Gosser advised that the BBA dues are \$50.00 per year – the year runs from July of this year to June of the next year. Twenty Five (\$25.00) from January for the rest of the year. May to June – \$50.00 for the next year and 2 months free. Included in the membership fee is the holiday banquet, each member gets a choice of a T-shirt or a Beginners’ Bee Keeper’s Hand Book and also fees for the Florida State Bee Keeper’s Association (FSBA) is included. Renewal of membership gets one a new T-Shirt. Non-members can also purchase a T-Shirt, which is currently \$15.00 each. Past Treasurer, Marie Gosser advised that arrangements are being put in place to sign in the new Treasurer, Dan Novak.

**Inventory Control**

Dr. Gosser advised that he would like to have put in place an inventory system whereby everything for the BBA can be accounted for. He advised Dan that the first item of business in this matter is to set up a spreadsheet. John Herring suggested documenting all that belongs to the BBA and keeping track of what has been rented to members of the Association, and seeing to it that the rented items are returned and accounted for. Dan agreed to go ahead with the spreadsheet set up.

Marie Gosser advised that for the renting of the extractor a deposit of \$200.00 cash must be forthcoming before rental. Once the equipment is returned, the deposit is refunded to the member. Dan stated that he would look into what methods could be utilized with regard to rental of equipment, such as tables/chairs, banners etc from BBA, if a deposit should be made, how much or should BBA just utilize a rent and return system. Marie also advised of her method of issuing banquet tickets to members and those who accompany them at the banquet who are not members – such as family members.

Dr. Gosser advised that at previous Executive meeting officers traveler’s expenses were authorized. He reiterated there is a reimbursement policy of \$.50 per mile. They have yet to utilize this policy. He also advised that there is a computer laptop for BBA usage solely. He would like to have all BBA business

conducted on this laptop including transferring all the minutes of the meeting to same. The Secretary was asked to be in charge of the laptop computer – and she agreed.

### **Publicity/Website, Facebook, Forum, Swapshop**

Dr. Gosser stated that his publicity agent at the Swap Shop is no longer a member so he is looking for someone else. He has an individual in mind and will keep us posted on developments in this matter. Dan is currently handling the Facebook website.

Dan suggested also using the Coral Springs Forum to place ads/events being put on by BBA – it's free.

### **New Phone**

It was discussed that the Association purchase a cell phone solely for the BBA. The phone could be set up for call-forwarding to different members on the Board. A Board member will be assigned to this task.

John suggested being generic on calls we receive from individuals who want to become members. Following up on this matter, Marie also advised not to use terms that could hold the Association legally responsible – one term for example “therapeutic”. This discussion came as a result of a Veteran who wants to become a member because he thinks that it could be a health benefit for him. We want to advise individuals who call to attend the meeting so they can be properly informed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Membership** – As discussed, membership dues - \$50.00 – This includes: Banquet/T-Shirt or Book/FSBC dues. Membership application to be revised. Dan is also looking into putting information on our website where members can see exactly what the fees include.

**Community Apiary** – John stated that by law the apiary site should be marked. There should be a sign indicating the apiary and boxes should be labeled. Dr. Gosser suggested asking Edmond Reid, BBA member to get a sign made for the apiary on Sample Road.

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.