

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF

BROWARD BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION

Held Via Teleconference

June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.



**Board Members Present Via Phone Conference:**

<b>John Herring</b>	<b>- President</b>
<b>Harry Pellish</b>	<b>- Vice President</b>
<b>Dan Novak</b>	<b>-Treasurer</b>
<b>Novelette Reid</b>	<b>-Secretary</b>
<b>Dr. Leo Gosser</b>	<b>- Former President</b>

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dan announced that there will be some expenses from the account to replenish BBA shirts and Beginner Beekeepers' Book. The shirts will cost approximately \$400 and the books approximately \$100. Dr. Gosser inquired on the balance of the account at this time; Dan advised there is balance of about \$1850. Dr. Gosser stated there is enough in the account to cover the expenses. Dr. Gosser made a motion to replenish the shirts and books, motioned seconded and approved.

### **BBA PHONE**

John stated that he had suggested that BBA have its own phone, however, the calls are now being forwarded to him by Dr. Gosser through call-forwarding. John also liked the set-up of the conference call. Whilst he still thinks the BBA should have its own phone for the sake of convenience and identification, John advised the meeting that he is willing to entertain the idea for now and explore this at some point in time in the future.



Dan concurred to stay with what we have now for the time being, however, nothing prohibits the BBA from exploring this later. Dan made the motion to close the item, Dr. Gosser seconded.

### **EXPULSION OF DISORDERLY PERSON IN THE PAST**

John mentioned that this was discussed at the last Executive Board Meeting. At that meeting it was discussed that there was no official meeting and no minutes to back up the decision. Dr. Gosser interjected and stated that he did find a the minutes of an emergency Executive meeting that was held on 4/14/2013 at 5:20 p.m. in the parking lot of the Sawgrass Nature Center. Dr. Gosser read the minutes of that meeting and the sum and substance of the minutes was that, member, Carol Jones was disorderly and was becoming a disruptive factor at the meeting(s). Dr. Gosser stated that it was voted to have Ms. Jones expelled for disruptive and disorderly conduct and that the Board members were permitted by the By-Laws to do so and a letter would be sent to the member outlining the expulsion.

Dan stated that what was discussed was (1) whether the By-Laws gave the Board the authority to take such an action, and (2) it would appear that the disciplinary action was for one calendar year.

Harry agreed and stated that he had never seen that kind of attitude from this member that merited this discipline. Dan agreed with Harry and stated that he would like to make a motion to rescind the expulsion.

John opined that the Board had the right to take the action to permanently remove this member as she was getting out of control with a consistent disorderly conduct. John stated that he would like to see the decision remain as it is.

Dr. Gosser stated that to clarify matters, the one calendar year mentioned in the minutes was as a result of the fact that this member had made an application for that year which was rejected. Also Dr. Gosser stated that he can testify to the fact that this member showed a confrontational attitude himself and his wife and at that time he acted to dissolve the relationship between them. Dr. stated that he would highly regret to reverse the decision.

John put the vote out who was in favor of rescinding or upholding the decision. It was voted 3:2 to uphold the decision.

### **EDMOND'S ROLE IN CONNECTION MEMBERS WITH PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WANT HIVES ON THEIR PROPERTY**

John explored the possibility of appointing Edmond as the person in charge of forwarding names of individuals who want bees on their property to members. Harry mentioned that even at the Farmers' Market there's not a lot of request from property owners. John advised that he may have about 2 requests per month. Dr. Gosser inquired whether Edmond was approached with the idea and John opined that he had not asked him as yet. Dan stated mentioned using the website forum. Novelette stated that using the website forum is a good idea as this would give members the chance to really go the website. Dan also stated Edmond could be the moderator of the forum. This way he would not have to give out his personal email or phone. Dr. Gosser made a motion to approach Edmond and handle this matter. Motion seconded by Harry.

### **ABANDONED BEHIVE AT THE APIARY**

John wanted to know if anyone came up with an idea of what to do with the abandoned beehive at the apiary. John stated that if the hive is abandoned, then the Apiary Manager could go through it and if there's nothing to be salvaged then just destroy it. If there anything to be salvaged then the Board could auction it off. John advised that he would like to see if the Apiary Manager had good contact information for this beekeeper before any decision is made. John concluded by asking that the apiary manager communicate with Dan to discuss correct contact information for this member. After comparison, a decision will be made on whether to destroy, salvage or leave it up the apiary manager's discretion. All agreed.



**UPDATE FROM DR. GOSSER**

The FSBA will be holding a meeting June 11 to discuss Palm Beach County Beekeepers' Association hosting the State Beekeepers' meeting October 2-4, 2014 at a hotel in West Palm Beach. Dr. Gosser will be present at the meeting and wanted to know if the BBA wanted to make any input. Harry stated that the BBA would help/participate in whatever way they can. All are in agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

