



**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
BROWARD BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
Held at 1393 NW 136th Avenue, Sunrise, FL 33323
Friday March 28, 2014 @ 9:00 p.m.**

OFFICERS PRESENT: John Herring - President
Harry Pellish - Vice President
Dan Novak - Treasurer
Novelette Reid - Secretary
Also present: Dr. Leo Gosser – Past President

Meeting Called To Order at 9:40 a.m.

AGENDA:-

1. BBA Phone
2. Appointing Edmond as the “Hive Placement Coordinator” (people looking for someone to put hives on their property)
3. Russ has too many beehives in the apiary
4. Swarm traps in the apiary
5. Mothers’ Day Meeting

BBA PHONE

Dan started the meeting picking up where we left off at the last Executive Board meeting held 1/17/2014 – this was the matter of a portable phone for BBA. Dan advised that based on his research the tracfone program seemed to be the most attractive. It’s a pay as you go cell phone, minutes can be purchased for 30 days and depending on the type of phone purchased, up to 400 minutes per year. Dan highlighted the advantages of the tracfone:-

1. It’s portable;
2. No internet service; and



3. No computer

Dr. Gosser interjected inquiring what was wrong with BBA's current phone. John advised that he prefers to have a cell phone which could be of easy access to anyone on the Board. Dr. Gosser was concerned how much BBA would be losing for canceling Magicjack. Dan informed him, maybe about \$100.00.

As no decision was made a motion to table this for 30 days was passed. We will explore the option to forward email messages from the magicjack to John's cell phone – a decision could be made then.

HIVE PLACEMENT COORDINATOR

It was voted on and approved to have Edmond Reid appointed as Hive Placement Coordinator. Edmond will be the liaison between property owners (who wants hive(s) placed on their property) and members (who are looking for hive location). However, it should be stressed that this is an arrangement between the property owner and the beekeeper, not the BBA and the property owner. BBA is not in the business of placing hives on homeowner' property for liability reasons.

RUSS

John advised that he would like to see a decrease in the number of hives that Russ has at the Apiary until he comes into compliance with the Apiary Rules. Harry was concerned about how the hives are being managed with Russ out of town and he had noticed that there were hives that were encased in weeds. Dan opined that there is another member who assists sometimes but not entirely. A motion to give Russ 6 months to come into compliance was voted on and agreed. If for some reason he is having difficulties completing this assignment, he can contact the Apiary Manager, who would inform the Board of the situation. – Voted on and agreed.

SWARM TRAPS

John opened this discussion stating that he was inspired by Leo's live demonstration of catching a swarm, at our last meeting held at the Apiary site,

and the idea of putting swarm traps at the Apiary seemed like a very responsible way of catching bees. Leo emphasized that this should be done via the Apiary Manager. After some discussion, it was voted and agreed that:-



1. That swarm traps can be placed behind the hives on the mound at the Apiary;
2. No more than 3 swarm traps per member and the traps must have the member name and telephone number clearly written.
3. The Apiary manager must be notified when a trap is placed and once the trap is occupied, it must be removed.

MOTHER'S DAY MEETING

Voted and agreed to leave the meeting date and time as is – Sunday, April 13, 2014.

OTHER MATTERS

Dumping at the Apiary

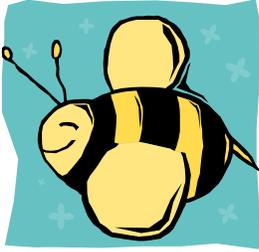
It was brought to the attention of the Board that someone had engaged in some form of illegal dumping at the Apiary site. Dan proposed that we get in touch with the manager of MECCA Farms to see if they had any objections to us putting up a chain link fence at the Banks Road entrance to prevent unauthorized individuals on the Apiary site. Dan suggested John or Leo could get in touch with the owner of the farm. John stated that he did not have any information regarding the owner/manager nor did he have a telephone number. Leo will be delving into this some more and will liaise with John with the information.

FSBA

Dr. Gosser advised that the Florida State BeeKeepers' Association had a meeting in March. New By-Laws and Articles of Association were passed and will now be officially legal. Here are some information Dr. Gosser informed the meeting:-

The new documents call for a board of managers of only ten (10). These will be selected based on redistricting the state into six (6) regions, plus three (3) executive members and one (1) at-large member.

In an effort to get things rolling, the executive is proposing that a first



drawing of district lines of the six (6) FSBA regions be as found on the Florida map ⁱ[Florida map](#) for the purpose of establishing a new Board of Managers (BoM). The new BoM can then reapportion the districts as desired.

Fortunately, with the new governance documents, the board of managers has the flexibility built in to reform the districts in the future based on what is most effective.

At this time, decision-making rests with the officers, President, Vice President and Immediate Past President. It is the desire of the officers to move quickly to establish the BoM.

Member Expulsion

Dan stated that there is nothing in the By-Laws that gives the Association the right to expel a member from the Association. This matter came up for discussion due to the expulsion of a member, sometime ago. Leo advised that the Board of Directors' had previously held a meeting, whereby the Board adopted new rules to allow for member expulsion. (Hence, the meeting which took place with John, Leo and Marie to terminate this member from the Association). Evidence of this Board Meeting minutes, however, cannot be produced. Dan noted that the Association has the ability, if someone becomes out of hand at a meeting to ask that person to leave, however, it does not have the ability of expulsion. John stated that if a member is causing a negative impact on the meeting he think the Association has the right to expel that member, and, if that is not in the By-Laws then it should be amended to reflect same. With that said a motion was passed for the following:-

- To amend the By-Laws to grant the Board of Directors the right to refuse and/or terminate membership at the Board's discretion;
- Refine the language of the By-Laws to include that "membership dues is non-refundable" when membership is terminated.

Leo agreed to find/produce these meeting minutes. This matter will be tabled for 30 days, revisited for discussion and make a vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ⁱ Added for ease of reference