

Broward Beekeepers Association

MEETING

Held at the Sawgrass Nature Center
Coral Springs, 300 Sportsplex Drive

Sunday June 8, 2014 - 3:30 p.m.



Officers Present:	John Herring	-	President
	Harry Pellish	-	Vice President
	Dan Novak	-	Treasurer
	Novelette Reid	-	Secretary
	Dr. Leo Gosser		

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

John referred to the email sent regarding Whole Foods. Anyone interested in representing the BBA at Whole Foods should contact him.

Community Apiary

John stated that based on discussions with the person in charge of the property for the Apiary, the property may not be zoned as agricultural. The person/manager of Mecca Farm is asking if the BBA could assist in getting it

zoned agricultural. Anyone who has hives on the property should, therefore, have their hives properly marked with their registration number. Also, members who have hive at the Apiary should remember that they are responsible for cleaning up around their 10x10 area.

Election

Gary advised that no member opt in to run for election as a member of the Board. Dr. Gosser asked for a motion to keep the original Board Members, this was seconded and approved.

Mentorship

John advised that Ivan is the go-to-person for the mentorship program. Anyone interested in being a part of the mentorship program should advise John and he would get them connected with Ivan.

Introductions were done, as usual. Each member introduced themselves with a brief verbal resume.

FSBA – Leo Gosser

Dr. Gosser reminded the meeting that members of the BBA also become part of the FSBA which represents the interest of beekeepers in Florida. Dr. Gosser also opined that presently four (4) official Board of Managers have been elected by their district. Dr. Gosser is the District Representative for District 6 which includes Palm Beach County, Treasure Coast and Port St. Lucia. Dr. Gosser advised there will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 to discuss the 501 C designation.

Dr. Gosser also stated that he often get calls from people who want bee removal. When he gets these calls he sends out a mass email to BBA members. This is a good opportunity to acquire bees in the natural way. He advised members who are interested to get in touch with an experienced beekeeper to get trained. Dr. Gosser then proceeded to give information on locations for bee removal, Hollywood and Miami.

Dr. Gosser concluded his update by advising that the Bee Conference will be held in West Palm Beach, October 2-4, 2014.

TREASURY REPORT

The Treasurer advised that there was currently \$1800 in BBA account. Anyone interested in renting the extractor – contact Dan.



OPEN FORUM

The open forum proved to be very interesting and informative. There was a long discussion on requeening and adhering to the Best Management Requirements (BMR).

Discussions also ensued with regard to location change or day change for the BBA meeting. Dara advised she could contact Coconut Creek Auditorium to see if they would allow us to use their facility. A suggestion was that the potential to move be put on the BBA website and members could use this as a tool to voice their opinion on the matter.

A member inquired on the number of hives at the Apiary and John reiterated that 5 hives are allowed per member.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

