



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

**Held At Sawgrass Nature Center in Coral Springs
3000 Sportsplex Drive at 3:30PM – 8/11/2013**

Officers present at the Meeting:

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

All members present, the meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

TREASURY REPORT

Dan advised the meeting that it is now membership time. Dues are payable for the next two months and expire at the end of June next year. Three new members are now part of the Broward Bee Keepers family. Currently BBA checking account balance is at \$1,681.00.

Dr. Gosser advised that we would dispense with the reading of the Minutes as it will now be published on BBA's website. Work is in progress on redesigning the website, which will now be linked to a Gmail account. Dr. Gosser introduced the three new members.

Dr. Gosser opined that BBA is getting a lot of attention in way of public relations. CBS newscast featured a short program on both John and Dr. Gosser removing bees from a light pole. This has resulted in many responses and phone calls. BBA is looking for a videographer. Dr. Gosser states that he and John has a lot of experience in bee removal and would like to document them as they go along as this can be a real source of assistance for those interested in learning how to do bee removal. He is asking if anyone has knowledge of, or knows someone who can volunteer their time (or BBA will pay if the price is cost effective) - to contact Dr.Gosser.

EVENTS

South Florida Bee College

The South Florida Bee College begins August 16 and 17. Charlie Cox gave a short presentation on directions on how to get to the College site. Dan is in charge of setting up BBA table at the Bee College and is looking for volunteers to man the table while he is in classes. There will also

be a honey judging competition. Anyone who is interested is asked to contact the Bee College and encouraged to participate.

Miami Herald

The Miami Herald did an interview with Marie Gosser on Honey recipes. This should be published soon. Also, Marie advised that on August 19 the Time Magazine will have an article entitled: "A World without Bees."

SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

There will be a speaking opportunity coming up in January, February or March at the Deerfield Women's Club. More information to follow.

Dr. Gosser is looking for volunteers to attend a school to discuss the subject of honey bees to educate kids about bees, honey and how to preserve the bees. The school is located in Hollywood. There will be six classes, 15 minutes per class; the ages are 6 – 10 years. Darah and Ivan volunteered for this speaking event.

COMMUNITY APIARY

Edmond Reid gave an update on the community apiary. There are currently about 18 hives at the apiary. There is a new set of hives at the apiary and he is asking anyone who owns or know who it belongs to, to contact him so he can document the name related to that hive. Dr. Gosser reiterated that anyone who wishes to put a hive on the apiary site must contact Edmond first so he can keep track and make regular updates. Edmond gave his number.

Russ is pulling and extracting honey sometime this week. Anyone who is interested in viewing how this is done, please contact Russ at 754-204-3831.

OPEN FORUM

Dr. Gosser advised that anyone who wishes to speak must be recognized by him first. A question arose from John on whether the Best Management requirements have been finalized. Dr. Gosser opined that they did have a meeting but he was not quite sure if the rulings have been finalized. Once it is finalized, it will be issued and each person will receive a copy of same.

A question arose on whether the list of names of members could be handed out so we can contact whomever we wish to on the list. Dr. Gosser advised that he was reluctant to give out the master list for privacy concerns. Marie suggests that each member can get names, phone numbers and emails from each other at the meetings.

It was suggested that if you are attending the BBA meeting for the first time, suggest becoming a member and you will be assigned to a mentor. John Herring mentioned also, it would be a good idea for new members to attend the Bee College.

Story Time

John gave a very lively story about a hive that was at his mom's home that had died about 4 months ago. The hive was re-activated by new bees moving in. They went about cleaning and removing the debris from the old hive box. This demonstrates that if we have an old hive box sitting around, you could just easily find yourself a new hive without looking for them!

Bee Removal

Dr. Gosser advised that even though bee keepers are allowed to do bee removal, it is dangerous and involves a lot of work. One who is removing bees must have knowledge of structure/architecture you will be working with and must know bees. Removal of bees from a structure or building takes specialized attitude. He advised that if you are not sure of what to do or do not have the proper equipment, **do not attempt to do bee removal.** John advised it is highly recommended that one becomes educated in bee removal and must be insured. It could prove dangerous not just to you but to your neighbors and you could become liable if something goes awry. Members who are interested in removing bees could attend and watch someone who specializes in bee removal. Also, it is highly recommended that you are registered to remove bees. To work with the county, you must be a registered member and must have insurance. Dr. Gosser advised that if an emergency occurs for bee removal, he will contact members in the various cities, depending on where the bees are located, to do the removal.

A discussion ensued regarding removing bees from someone else's property. The importance of being registered was again, re-emphasized as this gives you more legal right.

Feral Bees

There are now new requirements with regard to feral bees. If you find a feral colony it is mandatory that you re-queen with a certified European queen. It is imperative that you keep a receipt to show that you have re-queened. (Suggestion for Queens: Miksa Farms, Bob Harvey and Walter Kelley).

Recommendation was given to become a member of the Farm Bureau.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.