

Broward Beekeepers Association

MEETING

Held at the Sawgrass Nature Center
Coral Springs, 300 Sportsplex Drive
Sunday August 10, 2014 - 3:30 p.m.



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

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President announced that a T.D. Bank Representative will be at the meeting today.

Dr. Bill Kern will be giving us some information on the upcoming Bee Conference in October.

John announced that he is sending out emails regarding lectures and talks. John also advised that there is no harm done accepting payment for these speaking engagements.

DR. BILL KERN – SURPRISE GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Kern announced that the South Florida Bee College will be held at the Davie Campus, August 15 and 16. There would be guest speakers from Barbados, Great Britain and Michigan. Dr. Kern advised there would be a honey show and anyone who has bees can enter the black jar event.

Dr. Kern also spoke about the Bee Conference to be held October 2-4 at the Embassy Suites in West Palm Beach. Master Beekeepers Day Classes and exam is October 2. One must be a registered beekeeper in Florida and must have bees for at least one year to qualify for the Master Beekeeper exam.

Questions were taken from the floor and Dr. Kern advised that registrations are accepted on walk-ins. There will be live demonstration of a bee removal.

FSBA

John announced he has a \$180.00 pass to raffle off next meeting. He would try to make it a 2 one-day pass.

T.D. Bank Representative – advised that for each member that sign up with T.D. Bank, \$50 will be donated to our organization. Encouraged members to make use of this fine opportunity to assist BBA.

GIVEAWAYS

John Rochester had a number of items that he donated at the meeting, including some kind of mechanism to stop bees from leaving the hive when transporting them, bee feeder, smoker and magazines. Also available for anyone who wishes was a feeder for a nuc box.

DR. LEO GOSSER

Dr.Gosser advised there were bees to be moved. However, he has stopped sending out email notices for swarms/bee removals due to liability concerns. Cards (3 x 5) were distributed at the meeting for members to write their phone number and emails who wish to be contacted for bee removals. This will be completely separate and apart from BBA. John advised that members can accept payment but must not accept same as a BBA donation. He also reiterated that members removing bees must have knowledge of what they are doing, suggested have insurance, wearing proper protection, have a

contingency plan, good idea to have someone else with you to control traffic during a removal.

FSBA

Dr. Gosser also gave an update on the FSBA. The meeting of the Board of Managers July 22 discussed the convention and each Association will be given an \$80 pass to do whatever they see fit. The State currently underwent revamping the Articles of Association and By-Laws. BBA is in District 6 and Dr. Gosser is representative for District 6.

Linda Gassenheimer hosting a program about bees 8/17/2014. Encouraged all who can to listen to the program.

COMMUNITY APIARY REPORT

The Apiary Manager, Edmond, thanked all who attended to the clean-up of their 10x10 area at the apiary, however, a few members still need to do some cleaning up in their area and there are abandoned hives at the apiary. Keith remade the map – this will be put on the BBA web site.

OPEN FORUM

Anyone who has bees for sale please advise - for new members who wants to purchase bees.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

