

BBA MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2015 MEETING
Sawgrass Nature Center

Meeting Commenced at 3:35

Pledge of Allegiance

General Announcements by the President, Dan Novak

Membership thanked for participation at elections last meeting.

Request for all at Apiary with hives to please clean up their own areas.

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Leo Gosser did not have any state level news to report.

Leo Gosser started his bee class today at SNC. 3 people in attendance. Cost is \$150.

Florida FSBA runs till Oct 1 but now on calendar year till Dec 31

BBA individuals have to update their own memberships.

Dan encourages members to support them. \$15.

TD bank guest speaker – Did not show.

Apitherapy guest speaker. Todd W.

Apitherapy guest: (these are the remarks and opinions of the speaker; minutes are reported as spoken)

2009 he had a stroke but walked.

2010 he had another stroke put him in rehab. He uses a cane but may never be out of the wheelchair

3 years ago learned of apitherapy from a massage therapist.

Maybe he would have been better if he had started api right after the stroke.

Stroke is #1 disabler in the world, and #5 cause of death in the world.

Feb he went to NYC to do business and learn how to do it for himself from someone there. Allen Lorenzo from Bee Well therapy. \$400 for learning from him.

Todd's regimen today is Propolis, bee pollen, royal jelly, vit C, and other supplements.

He takes 62 stings a week, 31 on Tues and 31 on Friday

He has 2 Epi-pens, but he has never had to use one. His wife administers the stings.

Lorenzo charted out where the stinging needed to take place.

As a neurology patient he gets them on the back, the arms and the legs

He has been using apitherapy for the past 6 months.

He gets massage once a week and energy work. He eats intelligently and went to weight watchers. Exercises every day now. He walks 100 yards with a cane and uses a recumbent bicycle

Even after the apitherapy, he is not walking independently, and doesn't know if he ever will. He had a lifestyle that was very unhealthy at the time of the strokes and was overweight. But he feels that the bee stings have contributed to his improvements.

Western doctors do not seem to support apitherapy because it is not sanctioned by FDA. Chinese have been opening up bee clinics, correlation to acupuncture, in China.

Book called Health and the Honey Bees by Mzas in which the author noted that beekeepers don't have arthritis problems. Rheumatoid or osteo he isn't sure which one the book refers to.

Neurological problem success with stings has not been documented. He did a clinical trial of a drug but it didn't work.

Honeybee Well, in Jupiter, owner Mary does compounds of hive products with royal jelly. Did not help but he tried it. She bakes bread too with hive products.

His hope is to walk again 70:30 wheelchair But he is only at 50:50 with Wheelchair and cane now.

He started it for mobility not for pain.

He tried traditional therapies first but didn't work. He uses raw honey. But only eats very little honey. He is diabetic, as well.

Dara spoke of the ethical questions of sacrificing bees when our efforts as an organization are to save and rescue bees..

Member question: Any research that venom from different bees is any better than any other? Not that he knows, just that it is honey bees. Flowers and pollen mix. Hives in upper NY state - the apitherapists say that the patients got better and stop coming.

Member question: At what point did he try acupuncture? He did it 5 years ago and had not done since. Dara suggested trying acupuncture again to see if it is more accurate for his neurological problems.

John R talked about someone doing bee stings for arthritis and within 5 months had no pain.

Carol said an apitherapy speaker at the Palm Beach Beekeepers last Friday said to have the bee sting through a screen and not to have the stinger pull out and the venom sack from disengaging and pulling out their internal organs.

Todd: There are casualties. He has a lot of respect for the bees, and recognizes they are one of God's creatures. He appreciates all they have done for him in sacrificing their lives.

He has learned a lot about bees and honey.
He thanked us for having him as a speaker.
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PRESIDENT:

Bee College next week. 8/14 and 15 this week in Davie at University of FL IFAS building.

Next Month: Would like to offer to have a “gadget” show. Bring in what you have used to help in your beekeeping. Bring in your favorite thing. Rescue and removal, hive maintenance, honey extraction any inventions or uses.

Please offer suggestions for the coming months for meetings, speakers, workshops for our Sunday meetings.

President is suggesting to have a Family FUN DAY - we might think of renting a Pavilion or having a pot luck here at the SNC.

Dues at last meeting reduced to \$30, books, shirts, and FSBA are all ala carte.

Dues are now payable. See Ivan if you have not paid for this membership year which goes from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016.

John R. Found great gloves at a Website called BUCKO. He got 6 pairs for \$50 with shipping. He has some to give away. BUCKO on the web look for BEEKEEPER GLOVES goatskin, ventilated.

New Member asks about Bee College: classes all day 45 min classes for all subjects to learn about bees hands on. Bee inspector, Dr. Kern who is the only licensed person in the state to have Africanized bees on his property. Workshops going on all day from candle making to apitherapy. See itinerary on the website. Beginner courses A to Z.

Leo announces a parking problem for fire lanes at Nature Center. He said we can park on the street or at the dog park. New director at SNC wants us to contribute per head per meeting. Dan asked for empty lot. Leo said they don't encourage in rainy because it gets muddy.

1. NEW MEMBER NEEDS HELP New member has gone to Michigan to learn about beekeeping. He is glad to be here and his name is Daniel Lago in Hialeah – he can come to Broward and would like help.

2. NEW MEMBER NEEDS HELP Split help needed for another new beekeeper William Milan Miami Needs to be on list for apiary space and lives in Plantation.

3. NEW MEMBER NEEDS HELP in Plantation: He has had bees last year in his house. A gap in the walls. He saw them swarming and in 30 min they were gone. Now he is

working on his deck and they don't bother him but sawing and hammering last week got them disturbed and he got stung. He wants to set up a hive and keep the bees in his backyard. Can someone trap them out? Plantation Isles. Keith Lewis 305 206 4321. Brian Schafer has offered to help William in Plantation.

CONTACT HARRY IF YOU CAN HELP ANY OF THESE NEW MEMBERS WITH MENTORING.

John R. has a small rescue with a queen. For Give away to any member who needs bees.

Video is being filmed for a documentary by Coconut Creek TV. Dara asked for good bee rescues worthy of filming to contact Dan Novak.

Member had a bee rescue. Not an ATT box. Started raining and thunder. Opened the box and they were everywhere. Ivan's vac didn't work well. Ivan went back next day. Bees were well behaved despite the weather. He googled bee vac with Home Depot buckets you can make them out of 2 buckets. You can control suction with tape. Getting bees from elsewhere doesn't seem to produce very adaptable bees for our S Florida climate. He will soon start trying to raise queens. Cut a hole in a bucket and duct taped screen around it to let them breathe. John R has buckets with breathable openings.

Gary Hitchcock has gathered data from his student. Gary went to a seminar on Native Pollinators of Florida, day 2 classes covered honey bee diseases. Conference Jamie Ellis gave at Honey bee lab in Gainesville.

Gary said that the building of the "NEW" Honey Bee lab in Gainesville was just vetoed by the Governor 3-4 weeks ago.

***** Anyone who wants to write to the Governor, please do.

Member: What do you do with rescued bees? Dan said our club finds relocations for them: Adopted by new members, joined with your own hives. He asked for people to join the BBA Forum on the website. Contact Dan to add more subjects.

New member Miriam Marcano-Bender wants to start beekeeping in Margate in a 55 and over community. She would like an apiary space.

Andre D'Anjou Bey would keep bees on a farm - Tree Hugger Organic Farms. They have 6 hives and he has replaced the beekeeper but doesn't really have any experience. Needs some help?

GENERAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. 4:55pm