

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

**Held At Sawgrass Nature Center in Coral Springs
3000 Sportsplex Drive at 4PM – 02/10/2013**

Present at the Meeting:	President	- Dr. Leo Gosser
	Treasurer	- Marie Gosser
	Secretary (Temporary)	- Novelette Reid

Meeting was called to order promptly at 4:00pm by the President, Dr. Gosser.

Treasury Report

The Treasurer reported no expenses in January except at \$62.00 for stamp and miscellaneous which was deemed donations. A \$50 donation was given to the BBA for bee removal. Currently on deposit is \$1,464.10 plus the \$50 donation.

Objectives

1. Promote honey bee
2. Educate public about raising bees.
3. Increase bee population.

The President stated that there was a representative from the Broward Beekeepers Association at the Parkland Farmer's Market. There were also 3 representatives at the Sawgrass Nature Center. The President and Vice President were at a plant event in Pompano and they had lots of response to the association.

Dr. Gosser and the Oakland Park Commission wanted to allow beekeeping in the downtown area of Oakland Park. Dr. Gosser advised that public beekeeping does not need an ordinance to do that because the State is responsible for bee replacement.

Feral Bee Management Proposal

The rule now is: Bee keepers are allowed to do bee removals. It is no longer considered a pest control operation unless the bees are going to be killed. Bee removals cannot utilize pesticides to remove bees. A report must be filed within 24 hours of doing the job. The rule is going to be revised; there will be one more hearing before it is finalized.

Upcoming Events

1. On March 16 there will be a Cub Scout –Creepy Crawlers in plantation. Anyone interested in manning a table should contact the President.
2. April 20 in Coral Springs from 9 a.m. to p.m. – Earth Day.

3. March 8-9 – Bee college – Master Beekeeping Program.

The treasurer advised that anyone who wants to represent BBA at any of the events must come to collect the BBA sign. A deposit of \$200 is required and the BBA sign must be kept for only 24 hours and be returned in good condition.

Guest Speaker

The President introduced Khara Matcham of Sorority House Queens as the Guest Speaker. Ms. Matcham specializes in Florida Mated Queens, Queen Cells, and Honey, Pollen, Propolis and Nucs. She has been with Sorority House Queens which is affiliated with Sunshine Apiary.

Ms. Matcham stated that she recently got chosen by a program sponsored by the USDA to visit Nicaragua to implement queen rearing. She gave us a brief rundown of her trip to Nicaragua and her experiences there. Ms. Matcham is experienced in queen breeding and explained queen grafting states that she is trying to get individuals involved in a farmer to farmer program.

Ms. Matcham concluded by giving a brief synopsis of how she got started in the bee/queen business.

Drawing

The member who won was given 2 tickets to Golden coral. The President reiterated the need to wear BBA T-Shirt to participate in the drawings.

Open Forum

This was a question and answer discussion – with questions going to Ms. Matcham regarding queen breeding and expertise involved in collecting royal jelly

The President concluded by advising that individuals who wanted to sign up as new members can see the Treasurer in the back. He also advised that there were catalogs on display for the taking.

The meeting concluded at 5:00pm with 2 new members.