



Broward Bee Keeper's Association

Held at the Sawgrass Nature Center
Sunday February 9, 2014 @ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: **John Herring** - **President**
Dan Novak - **Treasurer**
Novelette Reid - **Secretary**

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by the President. John announced the appointment of Harry Pellish as the new Vice President of the BBA. John advised anyone wishing to be a mentor to contact him via email at tropicalapiaries@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY APIARY - APIARY RULES

John announced new rules that are now in effect at the Community Apiary. Copies would be available for pick up at the end of the meeting.

Apiary Manager

Anyone interested in keeping bees at the Community Apiary must contact the Apiary Manager before placing hives at the site. John stated that he would email the name of the Apiary Manager and email details.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

There will be a number of speaking engagements coming up in April. John stated he will email this information to everyone.

GUEST SPEAKER – SAM COMFORT – ANARCHY APIARY

Sam advised he has been a commercial beekeeper for 12 years who specializes in top bar hives. He is also involved in queen production/grafting and migratory pollination. Sam stated that he basically works with the biology of the bees. He mentioned some advantages of utilizing top bar hives:-



- ✓ Bees in top bar hives are more tranquil
- ✓ Less weight when picking up the hive box
- ✓ Bees are hardly killed based on the way the bars are inserted into the box
- ✓ Start-up cost is low

Sam had a wealth of information on beekeeping to dispense at the meetings. In addition he brought along package bees, top bar hive boxes, queen rearing equipment, honey (various), candles etc., and performed demonstrations on how he put together the top bar hives. Sam opined that he is interested in performing some hands-on event at the Community Apiary sometime in the future.

OPEN FORUM

Questions were taken from the floor and answered by Sam.

Sam concluded by saying that all the bees need is clean water, food, a home and clean air. He advised anyone interested in purchasing bees/hive equipment to visit him at the end of the meeting. He also recommended that beekeepers get involved in rearing their own queens.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ✓ Raffle drawing
- ✓ John advised anyone who was interested, to join him in mead tasting at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

