

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

**Held At Sawgrass Nature Center in Coral Springs  
3000 Sportsplex Drive at 4PM – 01/13/2013**

**Present at the Meeting:** Vice President - John Herring  
Secretary (Temporary) - Novelette Reid

With the President and Treasurer absent – Mr. John Herring presided over today’s meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 4:00pm. Mr. Herring informed the meeting that we should have had a guest speaker with us this evening to discuss propolis, which is a resinous mixture that [honey bees](#) collect from tree buds, sap flows, or other botanical sources.

**Treasury Report**

Currently in hand \$1,464.10. A new laptop was purchased for the sum of \$330.00. A second table for the Broward Beekeepers Association Farmer’s Market was also purchased. All were encouraged to visit the Farmer’s Market and support our BBA table.

**New Business – Upcoming Events**

1. Mr. Herring advised that our President, Dr. Leo Gosser will be attending another workshop in Gainesville. This will be held on January 17, 2013.
2. We have been invited to the Boys Scout Calvary at Tree Tops Park. We were advised to be there to represent the BBA and if at all possible, to assist with answering questions from the public regarding beekeeping etc. Anyone interested is to contact Dr. Gosser.
3. We were also invited to Coral Spring 2013 Earth Day on April 20 from 9am to 12:00 noon. (No information was given regarding address).
4. Community event on 1/26/2013. A tent and table with education material and posters will be present. We were advised to attend and bring honey and whatever other products we have available for sale. Those interested contact: Carol Jones @ 954-254-1842. (Location should be forthcoming).

**Other Business – Wax Moth**

Mr. Herring wanted to discuss wax moth and so he brought in a super to show how, if left unchecked, the wax moths can destroy brood comb in a very short period of time. He emphasized that wax moths can be a terrible problem to bee hives if allowed to get out of hand.

Preventative methods: stack boxes so enough air gets into the boxes, use chemical – paramoth.

**Using Foundationless Frames**

Mr. Herring also discussed using the frames with no foundation. He also brought along with him a sample for presentation. He stated that this type of frame should be used only in the brood section. He stated that he has used this kind of frame with much success and it is easy to clean. He also advised to keep hives at least 3 cinder blocks off the ground from buffo toads/frogs. One member (Suzan) states that she places tacks on a piece of carpet and that really repels the toads.

### **Open Forum**

Carol encouraged members to borrow books from the library. Just sign who has taken the books and return them when finished.

There were discussions on what to do about beetles. One member, Roger stated that he uses mineral oil. Several other methods were given and Mr. Herring stated that we can use a variety of methods until we find the one that best works for us.

One member was concerned about what to do for splitting a hive. Another member discussed that when he make a split he moved the split hive as far away as possible from the original hive. He did two splits and lost one hive.

Many questions were discussed. One member even stated he place his bees on the flat part of his roof. Mr. Herring gave advice on bee vacuuming. Take into consideration the size of the vacuum and amount of bees.

### **Hive Placement**

Mr. Herring advised members to keep bee hives at least 20 feet from our neighbor's property. Also if we are raising bees on our property, we must be registered so we can be inside the framework of the law in Florida. This can be done online.

One of the members, Roger, spoke with the City for using land space for members who live in condo and want to raise bees. He was told that at least 650 signature would be needed before it can be placed before the Commission. It would all depend with the Parks and Recreation Department.

The last thing that was discussed by Mr. Herring is the subject of members who live near or by a canal. We were advised to not have our hives too close to the canal's edge to protect it from pesticide sprays used by Canal Inspectors.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.