



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BROWARD BEE KEEPER'S ASSOCIATION**

Held at Sawgrass Nature Center, Coral Springs, 300 Sportsplex Drive

Sunday January 12, 2014 @ 3:30 p.m.

Officers present at the meeting: - John Herring - President
Dan Novack - Treasurer
Novelette Reid - Secretary

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Herring commenced the meeting with some important announcements as follows:-

- Dr. Leo Gosser had resigned as President of the BBA and John is now the President. The Vice Presidency seat is now vacant and the BBA is now looking to fill this position. Election will be in February.
- There is a new mailing address: P.O. Box 8240, 33075.
- The BBA is in the process of seeking another location to hold meetings. More information to follow.
- February meeting will be delayed for 30 minutes – a party will be hosted at the Center.



- BBA is looking for volunteers as mentors. Anyone who is interested in volunteering as a mentor should contact John and anyone who is interested in being mentored should also contact John.
- John is asking members to come up with different ideas/activities to help build on the work that Dr. Gosser has already done.
- BBA has the ability to do bulk purchase. John is asking members to think about this as something we could utilize as an association and benefit from.

TREASURY REPORT

Four (new) members were welcomed to the BBA. Balance in the BBA account \$1,507. Dan advised beginning next meeting the remaining banquet tickets will be raffled off, we were encouraged to wear our BBA T-Shirts to participate.

DR. GOSSER'S REPORT

Dr. Gosser advised that he is focusing his attention on the political aspects of matters regarding the Florida State Beekeepers Association and the Farm Bureau. FLSBA is in the process of applying for charitable organization status. Dr. Gosser further advised that the FLSBA will vote in February to ratify the documents Charter/By-Laws) so the FLSBA can be a legal entity.

WEBSITE

Keith opined that the website is 80% complete. He stated that there will be an active blog post on the website. He also mentioned Broward Water Matters Day coming in March, if the BBA would like to set up a booth there.

Other matters

There was a piece on Channel 7 and 10 on T.V featuring the rescue of bees in Plantation. One of our BBA members was present and interviewed.

Dr. Gosser announced that there were free bees in Pembroke Pines, West View Condo. There was also a colony of bees in the Parkland area in a fence post. Anyone interested should contact him after the meeting.

Presentation

It was discussed that we would arrange to have Sam Comfort give a presentation at one of our BBA meetings when he gets back in town.

Demonstration

John gave a brief demonstration on how to use the simple cardboard to light up our smoker.

OPEN FORUM

Discussion ensued regarding winterization of bees in S. Florida. John advised winterization was not necessary. Dr. Gosser also stated that the AFB were overhyped by the media. He stated, in fact, that AFB have good traits for the tropics and are more resistant to hive beetles and varroa mites. They may be a bit testier and swarm more often. He also advised that Russian bees seem to be acceptable and calm.

A discussion ensued on the legality of administering Epipen. John reminded members, that we are not lawyers or doctors and this is something that each member needs to consider seriously.

John reiterated that anyone who wants to be involved in bee removal must be a registered bee-keeper.

John Rochester advised he is willing to volunteer his time and vehicle to assist anyone with removal/re-location of bees. He can be contacted at 954-344-8489.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

