



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

**Held At Sawgrass Nature Center in Coral Springs
3000 Sportsplex Drive at 3:30PM – 7/14/2013**

Officers present at the Meeting:

President	- Dr. Leo Gosser	-954-344-1493
Vice President	- John Herring	- 954-559-0700
Treasurer	- Dan Novak	- 954-461-7213
Secretary	- Novelette Reid	- 954-494-6769

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Treasure's Report

Dan advised that at this point members should come and check the form he had at his desk, check their information and make any corrections and sign off. Also members who needed to renew their membership could do so.

Dr. Gosser stated that he was a speaker at the Sawgrass Nature Center recently. His group was children between the ages 6-13 years. Dr. Gosser also spoke at the Sierra Club in Coconut Creek with Dan as his assistant.

Events

There is an event coming up in August which will be posted on the website and also emailed to members. Dr. Gosser reiterated BBA's objectives: to promote honeybee awareness, increase bee-keeping/population/promote backyard honeybee.

New Committee

A new committee will be instituted called the **Speaking Committee**. This committee will arrange various events and be more active publicly. Dr. Gosser encouraged members to be more active.

Website Committee - this Committee will see to it that minutes of the meeting and treasury report be submitted on BBA website. This way the website will be more functional and useful.

Community Apiaries

BBA has one community Apiary located off Sample Road and is currently working on a second Apiary located in SW Ranches. This way, it would be more feasible for members to have hives.

Bee College – Davie

Dr. Gosser recommended members who intend to attend the College to do so immediately. If there are not enough attending, this event could be cancelled. 2-day attendance is \$182, 1-day attendance \$125 per person.

Summer Home Landscape Series

There is a Summer Home Landscape Series which consists of eight free lectures for average homeowners who are interested in adding to the beauty of their homes through landscaping. The dates, July 11, 18 and August 29 at Secret Woods Nature Center.

Dr. Gosser made mentioned of an Article in the Times:
http://blogs.browardpalmbeach.com/cleanplatecharlie/2013/06/broward_beekeepers_association.php
BBA Removes Bees From Yard without Killing hives. (See Link) The Miami Herald also wants to run a story on BBA . Dr. Gosser continued to encourage members to promote back-yard bee keeping.

New Business

A discussion ensued regarding Epi-pen, (Auto-Injectors are for the emergency treatment of life-threatening allergic reactions) the importance that back-yard beekeepers have it handy in case of being stung by bees. Member interested should advise their doctor they are a beekeeper and you must get a prescription for same.

Sample Road Apiary

A call went out for cleaning up of the Sample Road Apiary – 07/02/2013. Edmond Reid was called on to give a brief run down on what took place at the Apiary. The bushes and weeds had grown out of control. About 4 members showed up to assist with the clean up. Dr. Gosser advised that the property must be managed in order to put bees on the land.

Russ presented a ventilated top cover for the hive, showed how it worked and took questions from the floor. The idea came to him after he lost two hives that were not properly ventilated when he moved them.

Dr. Gosser then showed off a styro-foam box from a California Supplier to fit on top of hive body. Anyone interested can contact him. He also had some ½ gallon jars for sale.

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Marie reminded members about spraying for bugs when they have bees. Spray could harm them. Russ stated that he had videos of removing bees if anyone was interested in viewing. Dr. Gosser stressed anyone doing bee removal has a responsibility as the bees can get aggressive on them. Bee removers must be prepared; bee removers must know what to do if the bees get aggressive. John emphasized the importance of having a vacuum and smoker handy before starting the job.

Dr. Gosser discussed that those getting into bee keeping must know how they react to a bee sting. It means that a person must allow themselves to be stung to see the reaction. After the first sting, use some ice and allow the sting to stay after the second sting. After a while, you get less and less reaction until you eventually get no reaction at all. Marie chimed that eating the honey also helps. Members from the floor suggested Benadryl/Aloe.

Edmond Reid was appointed Apiary Master.

There were a number of questions from the floor ranging from how to get bees from a decorative rock to hives, how to clean up a wax moth hive, how and when to split hives to how to deal with a complaining neighbor. The question of whether one can have a front yard hive came up. Dr. Gosser advised that if this is done, it should be placed in a position that does not impede pedestrian traffic.

Members advised to start putting together donations for the Sawgrass Nature center Fall Event. BBA always put together a basket of honey product for the center. Members were also advised to go on website for information on the new Best Management Practices (BMP) rearing honey bees.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.