

Broward Beekeepers Association

MEETING

Held at the Sawgrass Nature Center
Coral Springs, 300 Sportsplex Drive
Sunday July 13, 2014 - 3:30 p.m.



Officers Present:	John Herring	-	President
	Harry Pellish	-	Vice President
	Dan Novak	-	Treasurer
	Novelette Reid	-	Secretary
	Dr. Leo Gosser		

CALLED TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

John announced that he had sent an email out regarding mentorship program with Ivan's email and phone number. John introduced Ivan to the meeting and advised that Ivan was the man to contact if anyone was interested in being mentored and Ivan would get them in touch with members in the area. Ivan announced that he himself was helped by a mentor.



Mosquito Spray

John advised that we can request to be put on a call list so that we can be contacted when Broward County Mosquito Control will be spraying in the area. Call Broward County Mosquito Control and advise that you are a beekeeper and you wish to receive a call so you can cover your bees. John suggested that members who have bees at the Apiary should also call.

CNN

John also noted that he saw on CNN that the White House had granted money which would unveil a bee plan to create strategies to restore pollinator populations.

Palm Beach County Convention

John reiterated and encouraged all to attend and experience the convention which will be hosted in Palm Beach County, October 2-4, 2014. Live bee removal will also be a highlight this year. Also the Bee College is August 15, 16, 2014 in Davie.

Community Apiary Report

The Apiary Manager, Edmond advised that the apiary needed some cleaning up. Members who have hives at the apiary were advised that they need to get to the apiary to clean up their own 10 x 10 area. Someone inquired about spraying at the apiary and Dan advised that one must be a licensed PCO – Pest Control Operator to spray around the hives or at the apiary. Dan stated that chemicals can be provided for same. John opined that some chemicals are restricted for use at the apiary. It was suggested that a map of the layout of the apiary and individual hives could be completed and placed on a post at the apiary and so individuals could be notified if their hive site needed to be cleaned before the growth gets out of hand.

GUEST SPEAKER – CAITLIN GILL – INSPECTOR

Caitlin's number: 772-201-2282; email: caitlingill@freshfromflorida.com

Caitlin went over the BMR in its entirety at the meeting and advised that if anyone was ready for inspection, please call her. Also anyone who have updated their inventory of bees, feel free to give her a call. Many questions were taken from the floor by Caitlin and she also gave the meeting some good tips on how to detect Varro mites and American foul brood.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

