

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

**Held At Sawgrass Nature Center in Coral Springs
3000 Sportsplex Drive at 4PM – 03/10/2013**

Present at the Meeting:	President	- Dr. Leo Gosser
	Vice President	- John Herring
	Treasurer	- Marie Gosser
	Secretary (Temporary)	- Novelette Reid

Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by the President, Dr. Gosser.

Treasury Report

A brief treasury report was read.

Guest Speaker

Today we have a guest speaker introduced to us, Sam Comfort, a world-renowned beekeeper, who is well-known for his top bar hive experiences. He honored us with a few songs from his soon-to-be-released new album. Sam brought along some samples of his bee equipment. Interestingly enough, all of his equipment viewed today was hand-made by Sam.

He discussed the fact that his bees are treatment free and advised that he gained a lot of knowledge of the bees by studying them. Sam had a wealth of experienced which he dispensed at the meeting today. He stated that one can make money in beekeeping by looking at raising queens and opening up a meadery, i.e. making wine from honey bees. One should consider the state they are in before contemplating selling. Sam says all you need is honey, water and yeast.

Sam came to us with a wealth of experience and after his presentation, took questions from the floor.

Drawing

There were 2 drawings this evening. The first member received a bee pen and the second member received a \$30.00 gift card for Golden Coral.

Open Forum

After introduction of a number of first time visitors, Dr. Gosser opened up the floor for questions. There were numerous questions: how to recognize when a swarm was eminent and how to stop a swarm. Sam advised that one could look at the formation of the queen cells to see the changes that are being made to identify if a swarm were near and to split the hive to stop a swarm.

Questions were asked about Africanized bees, backyard bee hiving, bottom boards, how to get rid of mites and the four species of ants that were common to attacking hives.

BBA added 5 new members this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm with members lingering to have a word with our guest speaker, Mr. Sam Comfort.