

Broward Beekeepers Association

MEETING

Held at the Sawgrass Nature Center
Sunday May 11, 2014 - 3:30 p.m.



Officers Present: Harry Pellish	-	Vice President
Dan Novak	-	Treasurer
Novelette Reid	-	Secretary

CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 3:30 p.m.
Harry Pellish, Vice President chaired the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The previous minutes was approved. Harry advised that annual officers' election will be June 8 and he was looking for volunteers to assist in collecting information on anyone interested in announcing their intention to run for office. Gary will be collecting nominees for the upcoming election.

Anyone interested in being mentored should contact Ivan, our mentor volunteer.

WEBSITE

Keith advised that the website crashed while he was trying to delete spams, however, the website is now back up and running and members should re-register. Anyone having problems can email Keith at webmaster@browardbees.org.



COMMUNITY APIARY

Edmond gave a brief update on the Apiary. Basically, the honey flow has slowed and so has the swarming but everything seems to be looking good so far at the Apiary. Harry introduced Edmond to the meeting and advised that Edmond is the person to contact with regard to placing hives/traps at the Apiary.

DUES

Reminder that dues are due July 1, 2014.

EVENTS

Daralyn has volunteered to speak at the Museum of Discovery and Science June 20, to discuss the importance of bees to children ages 6-12 years of age.

INTRODUCTIONS

We had some visitors at the meeting and Harry suggested it would be a good idea for all to make introductions.

OPEN FORUM

The floor was opened for questions/discussions. Harry described a comical story of being chased by his hives and Dan described an eventful swarming experience. Bottom line, both Harry and Dan opined the importance of being observant and patient when dealing with the bees. Harry emphasized changing brood frames every 3 to 4 years to prevent build-up of toxins in the hive.

The question on when to add frames to top bar hives was put to the floor and it was suggested to ask Sam Comfort, who is experienced with top bar hives.

The subject of wax moth and small hive beetles was discussed. It was advised that mineral oil can be used for the control of hive beetles.

One individual wanted to know what would happen if he lost his queen. Dan advised:-

1. The bees would look for freshly laid eggs and build a new queen;
2. If there are no eggs, the hive is queen-less. May need to manually replace.

Anyone who recovered a swarm could call Dan or Harry to assist a new member.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

