

**BROWARD BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2016**

<b>Present at meeting:</b>	President:	Dan Novak
	Vice President:	Harry Pellish
	Treasurer:	Gary Hitchcock
	Secretary:	Joyce Johnson
	Board Member:	John Caldwell

Meeting was called to order at 1907 hours by the President, Dan Novak.

- Dan Novak advises everyone of BBA Webpage availability and access to BBA Forums. He also spoke about Hurricane Matthew and honeybee behavior and aggression at the community apiary before the storm.

**Upcoming Events:**

November 12, 2016, Saturday 10-2, Quiet Waters Park Green Expo needs 1-2 volunteers.  
Girl Scouts Event is also coming up.

Leo Gosser stated that Sawgrass Nature Center is expecting their annual Honey Gift Basket.

**Recent Events:**

Joyce Johnson and Dan Novak gave a presentation to 10-12 people at the Coral Springs Library.

**Meeting Discussions:**

- Dan Novak discussed the BBA growth of new members. BBA was created in 2008 with only a few members and today we have approximately 100 members. Dr. Leo Gosser (BBA Founder) was presented a plaque to show members appreciation for creating the BBA.
- Caitlyn Gill is no longer our district honey bee inspector. Roger Blanco will be replacing her.
- 1922 hours John Rochester spoke about the product; "Honey-B-Gone" and how it can be dangerous if it is ingested, inhaled or gets into the eyes.
- 1930 hours John Caldwell also spoke about Honey-B-Gone and its uses. John also gave a presentation on beekeeping 101 and bee removal. He touched on topics such as Varroa mites, wax moths and American Foulbrood.
- Ivan Baratz informed us that as of January 1, 2017, anyone that feeds antibiotics to honeybees needs to have a prescription from a veterinarian to obtain the antibiotics.

- Sam Comfort spoke quickly about wax moths from the audience.
- 2005 hours Dan Novak showed a few videos and touched on topics such as pesticides and herbicides. Dan spoke about utilizing chemicals (Gardstar) properly and following the label. The label is the law! Always follow directions for use. Dan explained that although Gardstar is safe to use for hive beetle management, it can still be toxic to bees if used improperly. The discussion went into what Broward County was spraying for mosquitos. The product is BTi. (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis) It's a natural occurring bacteria that kills the mosquito larvae.

Questions from members were answered.

**2048 Hours meeting concluded.**