



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

**Held At Sawgrass Nature Center in Coral Springs
3000 Sportsplex Drive at 3:30PM – 9/8/2013**

Officers present at the Meeting:

President	- Dr. Leo Gosser	-954-344-1493
Treasurer	- Dan Novak	- 954-461-7213
Secretary	- Novelette Reid	- 954-494-6769

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

Dr. Gosser started with each person at the meeting giving a brief introduction. He reiterated for those who were present for the first time that the BBA was organized 6 years ago and now has over 60 members.

TREASURY REPORT

First of all Dan briefly mentioned the Bee College last month and what an informative and well organized two days that was. He advised that BBA had a table which was manned by him. He thanked those who assisted him at the table. Seven individuals signed up for membership at the Bee College, two members at the meeting and one by mail. Currently balance in BBA account is \$2385.65. It was emphasized once more that those who have not had their dues up to date to speak with Dan and anyone present at the meeting who wishes to be a member to contact Dan.

RECENT EVENTS

Ivan Baratz gave a presentation to several groups of students at the Chabad SW school in Coral Springs.

Dr. Gosser advised about the organization on Apiary sub-committee that is lobbying their efforts to get proper legislation set up. They are in the process of setting out the agenda for the coming year.

The next State meeting will be held in Chipley October 31 – November 2, 2013. This includes the Master Beekeepers Program, exam and classes.

On another note, Dr. Gosser is asking anyone who is, or knows someone who is familiar with setting up websites, to see him after the meeting. BBA is seeking assistance to work on our website.

PRESENTATION

Russ Stobaugh was introduced to give a demonstration on some of his home-made bee keeping equipment. His son, Elijah assisted. Russ stated that he had been a bee keeper now for seven years and is looking into slowly moving into commercial pollinator. He had quite a few home-made equipment made from wood, e.g.:-

- Quick nuc box which he said is good for splits and small swarms
- Frames – various types
- Feeders
- The beetle jail – Russ states that he uses either oil or roach bait in the beetle jail
- Queen frame cell starter for making queens
- He showed how he made a bee brush
- He showed what honey with brood looks like
- A home-made vacuum with an inner box. He advised anyone who is looking into making a bee vacuum should use a hose with smooth inner surface and regulate the vacuum pressure.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Gosser advised that someone need bees removed from their fence in Miami. Anyone interested can see him for information. Bee removal is also a good way of accumulating more bees.

Bill Kern

Bill talked for a while about AFB. He said that AFB are well established in South Florida. He mentioned how the European matrilineal line is more docile than the Africanized matrilineal line. He advised to always use a smoker when working with bees. He stated that in about 1 ½ mile radius of commercial apiaries, 90% of the drones are European and 10% are Africanized.

Dr. Gosser reminded everyone to contact Dan if they have donations for the Sawgrass Nature Center Basket.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.