

I. PBA Vice-President Steven Josephsen called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. President Karen Mitchell was absent. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed members and guests, Wendy & Edward Doucet, of Jasper, Barry & Laura Wiley, of Ft. Worth. Prayer offering by Steven Josephsen. 21 people signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Treasurer report given by Terry McFall. Balance as of 9/30/21: \$8883.31.

III. Apiary Report: Jesus Vazquez reported PBA has five hives located at his residence in Jasper. Still seeking a Lufkin area location.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Requesting assistance with computer duties, website, emails, Beeline, etc. to lessen burden for Rachel Payne. If anyone can help her, please contact her for details.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

a. Nominations for Officers: Nomination forms and ByLaws distributed to members to fill out and review.

Elections will be held at next meeting in November. We need nominees for offices.

b. ByLaws will be reviewed and amendments made at a later date. One proposed change is to stagger terms for Officers. Motion made by Rachel Payne to possibly stagger terms. Bob Love 2<sup>nd</sup>. This change will be studied.

c. Position of SFA Liaison will be reviewed, and reworked or discontinued. Robert Jones offered to examine hive, location, status and report back at next meeting.

BREAK: Robert Jones presented prayer and snacks served.

#### PROGRAM:

1. Steven Josephsen gave a demonstration on building a candy board for winter feeding. Fairly easy to build with plywood and hardware cloth, this box holds 16 lbs of sugar made into candy. (Recipe: 16 lbs sugar, 3 cups water, 1T. vinegar, 1 scoop pollen substitute). Said this box lasted hive all winter.

2. Bob Love and Robert Jones gave second part of program on winter preparation and evaluation of hives. Bees are now collecting from weeds and goldenrod until frost. Should begin evaluating your hives in August. Check for amount of bees and resources. Check weight of hives by slightly lifting back of hive. As winter progresses, hives will become lighter and need to feed increases. Treat for pests now. Merge weak hives, check for spotty brood, signs of disease. Can feed pollen patties in cold months, but not when warm, as they are haven for beetles. Suggested putting pollen patties between boxes, not on top. Move honey inward when very cold weather approaches. Generally need to supplement from Jan.-March. Do not open hives unless it is 55+degrees. Watch for excess moisture inside hives. Can place matchsticks under cover for ventilation.

Q&A session with good participation. All business being concluded, meeting adjourned about 8:20 pm.

#### DOOR PRIZES & CLOSURE.

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary