

I. PBA President Walter McLendon called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new members and guests: Bob Sharp, Matt Steveson, Danelle Brashear, Tim McMahon, Rebecca Ellingston, Kayci James. 32 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Walter McLendon, Treasurer, reported balance of \$7898.18. Outstanding bills for picnic expenses.

III. Apiary Report. Doyle Bruce was not in attendance. Joanie Kochanek updated club on activity. Eleven hives, 7 supers. Honey is ready to extract. We have placed a signup sheet on the table for whoever wishes to help gather boxes and/or extract honey. Proposed date is 7/18. Need some strong hands to help remove honey supers from hives. They will be brought to Doyle's residence for extraction.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Inventory/Assets: List is being compiled and logged and will be complete soon. There are 3 observation hives available for anyone to borrow for public educational purposes. Edward Doucet is compiling current list.
- b. Bylaws: Have been updated and new version being typed. Will present to club for approval.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A. PBA Meeting Location: Discussion on new location for club meetings. Possible venue is Fuller Springs Volunteer Fire Department on Hwy 69S. Member Jason Jones reports that room is not yet completed, but should be available for a minimal cost. Walter McLendon stated he would pay the COC rent for the year. If we change locations, we can receive a rebate.

B. Snacks for August: Richard Davis, Wendy Doucet, Dwayne Howell. Richard Peters: Tea

Steven Josephsen offered Prayer and snacks were enjoyed during break. Lots of food, many volunteers brought dishes. Ricky Davis outdid himself with BBQ ribs and sausage.

PROGRAM: Group discussions with members and experienced beekeepers on pest management, varroa, /oxalic acid treatment, hive summer care, honey production. Good information shared, many questions by new beekeepers. August program: Hive management during summer dearth – Susan Precup.

DOOR PRIZES/ADJOURNMENT. Meeting concluded about 8:15 PM

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary

#### PBA HONEY EXTRACTED!

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, members, Doyle Bruce, Mike Hartman, Ricky Davis removed the supers from the PBA hives, brought them to Doyle's residence, where extraction took place. They, along with Mike & Joanie Kochanek, Rachel Payne worked on extraction, which gleaned about 6.5 gallons. And wow, did we have bees everywhere! Doyle will bottle some, and Joanie took the majority to be bottled into various size containers. Honey will be brought to the August meeting. Rachel has upcoming event on 9/2/23, and will have honey to sell!