

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

APRIL 11, 2019 = MEETING

- I. Treasurer Terry McFall called meeting to order 6:40 PM, with Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed new visitors and members.
Terry McFall announced that Roy Stark had resigned as President, and Ronnie Moors, Vice President, was not at this meeting.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Terry McFall reported that at EOM of March, PBA balance is \$8401.48. A financial Audit was completed prior to this meeting by Roy Stark, and Joe Moran. Financial records provided by Treasurer Terry McFall.
- III. Terry McFall introduced Robert Jones to present his program on hive pests: prevention and control – Old vs. New Methods. Some highlights:

Small Hive Beetles

- Types of control: Biological control/chemical control/cultural control
- Medications: Checkmite/Apistan/Traps
- New experimental treatment conducted by Florida State University using nematode worms for hive beetle control
- Keep strong hives; remove weak hives or combine
- Extract honey within 24 hours of removal from hive.
- Use good equipment; use cleanliness
- Resources: Utube /Florida State University/Honey Bee Research Lab/Arbico Organics/Nemaseek

Varroa

- Control – Old vs. New
- Chemical/Pesticides – Old Method
- Oxalic Acid (vapor or liquid) Twice/year Feb. & Oct. in 3 weekly sessions
- Testing: sugar roll method/alcohol method
- Hygienic Stock – Resistance to varroa
- Natural methods: salt on ground under and around hives; detergent solution; diatomaceous earth
- Good information on PBA Website and other bee sites

- IV. Rodger Floyd gave the blessing; snacks and fellowship.
- V. Robert Jones announced that the PBA Bee School had been very good on 4/6/19.
Everyone enjoyed the class. Second class 4/13/19, and bee yard lesson on 4/27/19.
- VI. April Meeting – Snacks: Rachel Payne; Joanie Kochanek Drinks: Robert Jones
- VII. Door Prizes and Adjournment: 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary