

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING: AUGUST 9, 2018

ST. CYPRIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH HALL

- I. President Roy Stark called meeting to Order at 7:00PM. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Terry McFall – Reported \$9476.04 bank balance as of 7/31/18.
- III. Apiary Report: Don Lymbery reported \$1200 was raised from honey sales last year. Roy reported hives have been moved to land owned by Ronnie Moors. He was thanked for donation of land, and Roy also thanked David Gallagher, Robert Jones, Don Lymbery for assisting in moving hives. Harvested 17 gallons of honey from PBA hives.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- 47 Members/guests signed register.
- President Roy Stark took some time to express his views, goals, concerns for PBA club. Stated as he is the voice of PBA, he expects civility, observation of the Golden Rule, respect toward one another. The members are what makes this club great. Gain of knowledge and fellowship are main reasons people attend. Asked members to reach out to any members who have not been attending. Through programs and education, PBA will prosper and grow. Hoping to host a honey bee convention in 2019. Volunteer signup sheet was placed at entrance; 10 signed up to assist to date.
- Announced opening for Club Secretary. Anyone interested to contact Roy. Thanked Joanie Kochanek for stepping up to serve as interim Secretary.
- Thanked James Dotson for volunteering to be Program Coordinator.
- Thanked Robert Jones for volunteering for Training Coordinator.
- Robert Jones asked for training program ideas from members. Would like to expand the knowledge to include intermediate beekeeping practices, including swarm handling, queen rearing, grafting, etc.
- James Dotson blessed the food, enjoyed by all, at start of Trinity's program.

V. PROGRAM: Trinity Smith, PBA Member – Genetics of Honey Bees

Trinity Smith gave a very informative program on bee genetics, biology of bee reproduction, problems of inbreeding. Some highlights: Suggested requeening at most every 2-3 years to increase diversity. Studies show that inbred traits will show up in the third generation. Behavior is thought to be a drone trait, so it was suggested to cull drones in a mean hive. Queens laying a shotgun type pattern or poor brood pattern could be inbred and should be replaced. All enjoyed his program. He was congratulated heartily on his educational pursuits. Good question and answer session followed, along with a roundtable Q&A led by Rodger Floyd and Robert Jones. Some tips and suggestions given:

- Swarming/absconding should not occur now – may be due to varroa, pests or dearth
- Put reducers on weaker hives; don't damage honey frames when working hive
- Advocates splitting hives every year and replacing queens.
- Open feeding should be put at least 100' away from hives; ratio of ½ sugar to 1 water.

September Program by Roy Stark will cover hive beetles, pests.

Volunteering Snacks for September: Joanie & Mike Kochanek, Cole Koumalats; drinks: James Dotson.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanie Kochanek, Interim Secretary