

MINUTES

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

07-09-2020 Meeting held via Zoom

Due to the closures and restrictions from the Covid 19 virus, this meeting was held via Zoom.

I. President Karen Mitchell called meeting to order 6:34 pm.

II. Treasurer's Report: Terry McFall, PBA Treasurer, reported bank balance of \$8623.34 at end of June.

III. Apiary Report: Terry McFall gave apiary report for Jesus Vazquez. First year hives gleaned no surplus honey.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. PBA Bee School – After discussion, It was agreed to postpone the bee school until 2021. Plans will be made to hold classes early 2021.

B. Still need volunteers to fill positions of Program Coordinator and Hospitality Coordinator. Contact any Board member if interested. These positions need to be filled.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until further notice.

2. Terry McFall suggested including Roundtable Discussion/Question & Answer sessions at these meetings. Many new members need assistance with their beekeeping, extraction, pest control, etc.

3. Roundtable Discussions: Several members discussed their honey extraction and yields. Varied from good to below average among members. Karen talked about her Layens hive, similar to long or horizontal hive, a new venture for her. Ronald Caston has a horizontal hive. Suggested programs later on types of hives. Various ways of cleaning wax was discussed, as well as uses of wax. Rachel uses a crockpot, puts some water in it, then covers tightly with cheesecloth. Wax is placed on top of cheesecloth. With cooker on low, wax will melt and fall into water in crockpot, clean and useable. A solar melter can also be built, using an old Styrofoam cooler, some screen, glass dish in bottom. Place wax on top of screen over dish. Place cooler in sun. Cover with plexiglass or glass. Wax will melt and go through screen, leaving debris on top.

Events: Marie suggested a bee yard field day in the future for the benefit of new beekeepers.

Terry McFall's son, Ted, has experienced the Asian giant hornets that decimated his hives in Washington State. He will be featured on Utube tonight speaking about his experience. He has also been interviewed by CBS and several other TV stations recently.

4. Karen stated we will keep our lines of communication open. Beekeepers are encouraged to contact a member with questions or problems. We are here to help the new beekeepers.

We will continue to meet via Zoom each month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary