

MINUTES

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

March 12, 2020

Lufkin Chamber of Commerce

I. PBA Program Coordinator Robert Jones called meeting to order 6:30 PM. President Karen Mitchell was absent. Welcomed members and guests. Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance, led by Jordyn Stoehr. 37 people signed the meeting register.

II. Treasurer's Report: Terry McFall, PBA Treasurer, reported bank balance of \$8508.34 at end of February. Most members had paid yearly dues. Announcement made that dues needed to be paid to Treasurer, \$15.

An audit of Treasury records was completed on 3/11/20, by Terry McFall, Joanie Kochanek and Mike Kochanek. Records in order and balanced for year.

III. Apiary Report: No apiary report available.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Meetings will continue to be held at Chamber of Commerce Building at 6:30 PM.

B. Volunteers for April Snacks: Kenny and Gaye Standridge, and Ofelia Vazquez. Drinks: Joanie Kochanek

C. Robert announced that he is interim Program Coordinator as this office became vacant. Anyone interested in this position should contact one of the officers.

D. There is still a vacancy for Hospitality Coordinator to maintain supplies and set up for meetings.

E. PBA Bee School tentatively scheduled for April 18, 25, and May 2. Will be finalized and schedule done at April meeting. Flyers have been printed and circulated for public notice. Anyone interested in assisting this year to contact Robert Jones.

F. Rodger Floyd will be selling nucleus boxes this year at \$125. Contact him directly to reserve.

Robert Jones led group in prayer before snacks/break.

V. PROGRAM.

Terry McFall and Jesus Vazquez presented a program on catching swarms and building swarm boxes.

Some of the highlights:

- Use an 8-frame box. Drill 2" hole in front about 1" from bottom of box. Cross entrance with 2 nails to prevent birds/squirrels from entering. Put in one frame with old black comb. Fill rest with blank foundation.
- Bait with lemongrass oil or Swarm Commander, screw top cover down, and hang on large nail on a tree 5' or so up.
- When catching a loose swarm, place an excluder on bottom of box to hold queen in. Once she is laying, can remove.
- Can use 5 frame nucs for traps also. Put in one frame of old comb.
- Jesus suggested locking them in for 3 days.
- Heavily feed swarms and splits for wax production
- Robert Jones discussed hive history briefly and various types of hives used over time.

V. Door Prizes and Adjournment: Several door prizes awarded. Adjourned 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary