

# PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES – MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2018

- I. Vice-President Bob Love called meeting to order 7:00PM, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Guests and visitors welcomed and introduced. 40 people were in attendance. Bob Love asked to keep Roy Stark in our prayers as he is experiencing serious medical issues and was absent. Program tonight will be a Roundtable Q&A session with our experienced beekeepers.
- II. OLD BUSINESS
  - Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance as of 9/30/18: \$7645.55 given by Terry McFall.
  - Apiary Report: Hives (4) have been moved to new location. Terry McFall, Roy Stark, Mike and Joanie Kochanek tended to the PBA Hives recently and placed Freeman traps under hives, treated for pests and varroa, and cleaned them up. Two deteriorated boxes need replaced.
- III. NEW BUSINESS:
  - Christmas Party: All agreed to keep regular meeting date (12/13/18) as date for Christmas Party. James Dotson, Program Coord., will check with church to determine if room is still available. Time will be 6:00 p.m., rather than 7:00p.m. James will cook two briskets. Everyone to bring side dish.
  - PBA 2019 Honey Bee Festival: 13 people have signed up so far to assist. Need more volunteers.
  - TBA Annual Convention 11/8-10/2018, Temple, Texas. Can register on line.
  - PBA Honey for sale at this meeting – all sold.
  - Nomination Committee: Mike Kochanek, Chair, Terry McFall, Don Lymbery, Robert Jones. Will gather nominations for November election of Officers.
  - November Snacks & Drinks: Snacks: Bryan Bragg, Ronnie Moors. Drinks: Jeff & Janet Haney  
November Program: Elections/ Honey/Hive By Products - Members bring samples.
- IV. Food & Program:
  - Terry McFall gave the blessing and snacks were enjoyed by all during program.
  - Program: A roundtable discussion with Q&A session given by Robert Jones, David Gallager, Rodger Floyd, Bob Love.  
Fall Feeding discussed – open type feeders vs. closed feeding.  
Must have good quantity of bees and large stores of honey (40-60 lbs.) for winter survival.  
Merge weak hives with another, or put in nuc box.  
Advocate feeding by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Pollen patties in January.  
Can open feed if temperature is over 60 degrees.  
Discussed swarms late in year, care of swarm boxes.  
Varroa treatment and general care of hives for winter.
- V. Many door prizes awarded.  
Meeting adjourned about 9:10pm  
Respectfully submitted: Joanie Kochanek, PBA Interim Secretary