

## MINUTES

### PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS MEETING

September 12, 2019

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Lufkin, TX

I. Vice- President Bob Love called meeting to order 6:53PM. Welcomed members and guests. Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. 20 people signed the meeting register.

II. Treasurer's Report: Terry McFall reported PBA treasury balance as of 8/31/19: \$8581.55.

III. Apiary Report: Jesus Vazquez reported four active hives, one recently lost. Hives are located in Jasper at the Vazquez residence. Mr. Vazquez stated hives need to be fed and treated for varroa soon. Club agreed he will be reimbursed for cost of feed and feeders for these hives.

### III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Nomination Committee: A Nominating Committee shall be formed by Mike Kochanek, past President, consisting of himself, one other officer, and one non-Board member. Club asked for volunteers. Terry McFall agreed to serve as Board member. Joe Moran agreed to serve as Non-Board member. Nominations will be obtained, and election of slate of officers voted on in November. Members will be contacted. If anyone is interested in serving as an officer, please contact one of these members.

B. Snacks/Drinks Volunteers: snacks: Trevor & C.J. Dallas-Orr, Bob Love, Jordan Stoehr.  
drinks: Joanie Kochanek

C. Snacks & Program: Rodger Floyd blessed the food. Janet Haney, Program Coordinator, announced Program: PBA member Jordan Stoehr – Her First Year with Beekeeping

Jordan gave a nice power point presentation on her first solo year in beekeeping. As her grandfather Joe Moran became highly allergic to bees, Jordan decided to keep a hive and learn beekeeping. Her mentor, Rodger Floyd, assisted her with setting up the hive. After losing two queens, the bees finally made their own queen that was accepted. Now the hive is doing well and thriving. Jordan has learned a lot this year and has enjoyed her beekeeping endeavor, and now realizes the ups and downs of beekeeping can be a challenge.

Bob Love led discussion on varroa and hive beetles. Watch your hives for pests. Hives beetles thrive in the heat of summer. Some members mentioned losing hives to small hive beetles. Fall is time to treat for varroa mite with oxalic acid vapor. Suggested when using 12 volt battery with vaporizer, use about 1T. Oxalic acid per hive (double deep). Leave on about 2.5 min. with battery hooked up. Unhook battery, leave covered another 2.5 min. for vapor to completely circulate. Treat hives once a week for three weeks. If anyone needs assistance or instruction on treatment, Bob said to give him a call.

D. Door Prizes and Adjournment: Several door prizes awarded. Adjourned 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary