

I. President Steven Josephsen called meeting to order at 6:50 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed members and guests. 23 people signed the register, including new guest Woody Peavy.

II. Treasurer Report: No report, Treasurer absent.

III. Apiary Report: Apiary Manager Jesus Vazquez reported that the 5 PBA hives located in Jasper need honey extraction. He needs help with this. Local members will unite and arrange to get honey supers off and extracted. Member Doyle Bruce offered to manage the hives, and they will be moved to Lufkin (Fuller Springs) in the near future. Will need some membership manpower for this job which will need to be done during evening hours. Joanie Kochanek will coordinate with Jesus Vazquez to schedule these tasks.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mary Kay Steely resigned as Program Coordinator. Volunteer requested. Members encouraged to assist with planning programs and locating speakers. Any member is invited to present a program on a subject of their choosing. Contact a Board member if you are interested or if you know of a potential speaker or program available.

2. Bottling/selling of PBA honey was discussed. Rachel mentioned that new labels will need to be printed and asked for volunteers to assist with design and ordering. State regulations on label requirements to be reviewed. There is a supply of plastic honey containers that can be used. Will need to reorder more after honey extraction. In the past, PBA honey has been sold as fundraiser at various public events/festivals by PBA volunteers.

SNACKS/DRINKS for August: Richard Peters - drinks; Ed & Wendy Doucet - salad; Ofelia Vazquez- snacks.

PROGRAM: A roundtable discussion was held, discussing extraction, summer care, healthcare tips regarding bee stings. Steven related a funny story about trying to use a heat gun for honey extraction (not a good tool for this!) Some other tips included:

- Be sure the honey is capped almost completely before extraction. If not cured, it can ferment.
- Extract your honey quickly (w/i 24 hours) after removing the boxes as they may contain SHB, larva, eggs.
- Place empty supers outside in open area for bees to clean out. Then store with moth crystals.
- Do not treat for pests with chemicals until after honey supers are removed.
- Saran wrap over top of honey in bucket will remove air bubbles quickly.
- Refractometer can be used to check for water % content in honey. Can be purchased on Amazon fairly inexpensively.
- Bee stings – Stay aware. If you are stung and have violent reaction, do not wait. Call 911 or get to hospital quickly. Anaphylactic shock can set in quickly.

CLOSURE/DOOR PRIZES. Door prizes were given out. All business being concluded, meeting adjourned about 8:30 PM.

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary