

I. PBA President Steven Josephsen called meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new members and guests, including Cindy & James Long, Roger & Monica Parks, Randy Nevill. 30 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Walter McLendon, Treasurer, reported balance of \$8486.57. No outstanding bills.

III. Apiary Report. Doyle Bruce updated club on apiary. Five hives are doing well, being fed. All look good at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Elections. Ballots were distributed to all present to vote on PBA Officers for 2023. At break, ballots were counted by Steven Josephsen and Joanie Kochanek. Results are as follows:

President: Walter McLendon

Apiary Manager: Doyle Bruce

Vice President: Bob Love

Training Coordinator: Robert Jones

Secretary: Joanie Kochanek

Newsletter Editor: Rachel Payne

Treasurer: Walter McLendon

Program Coordinator: Edward Doucet

2. PBA School 2023: Discussion on plans for 2023 PBA School. Committee will discuss in more detail. Dates will need to be secured. Anyone wishing to assist or join Education Committee, see a Board member. General consensus of club was to hold 2023 bee school.

3. SNACKS for February Meeting: Snacks: Rachel Payne, the Doucets, one other member; Drinks: Austin Culbertson.

4. Financial Audit: An annual audit to be scheduled to review 2022 records. Mike Hartman offered to assist. Will require at least two members to complete audit. Can be scheduled before a regular meeting if possible.

5. ABJ Subscription Discount: American Bee Journal gives club a discount on yearly subscriptions. If interested, contact Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary, who is handling forms.

SNACKS/PRAYER: After the blessing, snacks enjoyed by all.

PROGRAM: Robert Jones gave a presentation on building a cell builder for queen rearing. Lots of good tips and information were given. This information is on the PBA website: [Pineywoods Beekeepers Association.org](http://PineywoodsBeekeepersAssociation.org) Some important points:

- Pick strong hives to use for your worker bees. Need 7-14 day old bees. These make the wax and royal jelly. You will harvest bees from several hives for a cell builder. The open brood frames will contain the nurse bees needed.
- Pick a good hive with strong queen to harvest larva from. Use 4-day old larva, very small, usually located one row from egg row.
- Robert uses the Doolittle Method of queen rearing. Can find info on Internet.
- Feed heavily and place pollen frame in cell builder. Bees need heavy feed to produce wax and build the queen cells.

Many questions/answers after presentation. Robert will have a live demo at his beeyard in the spring.

CLOSURE/DOOR PRIZES: Meeting concluded about 8:35pm

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary