

I. PBA President Walter McLendon called meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new guests, including Casey Stackhouse, a representative from Veto Pharma, maker of Apivar. Pledge of Allegiance. 27 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Walter McLendon, Treasurer, reported balance of \$9052.23.

III. Apiary Report. Mike Hartman gave Apiary Report as Doyle Bruce was not present. Hives are doing well. Honey was harvested and sold. Some hives still have supers on.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Walter McLendon informed group about beekeeping website Five Star Beekeeping. Very reasonable prices. He has purchased several items and suggested we may use them for bee school purchases. They are based in Pakistan. Customers do pay shipping and a credit card fee. He will send Rachel the information to send out.

B. Steven Josephsen updated group on Apiary status at SFA. He is scheduled to meet with Dr. Creech this net week to discuss options and plans for future. SFA would love to see an apiary with multiple hives for honey production. It will require lots of planning and participation from the club and student body.

C. Nomination Committee: Elections will be held in November at our regular meeting. Offices up for election are:

President: Walter McLendon (present) Through 2025.

Vice-President: Bob Love (present) Running: Bob Love

Treasurer: Walter McLendon (present) Running: Mike Hartman

Secretary: Joanie Kochanek (present) Has held for many years. Need nominee.

Apiary Manager: Doyle Bruce (present) Stepping down. Running: Ricky Davis

Editor: Rachel Payne (present) Rachel has had this position for 12 years. Need nominees. New member Hanna Modisette has offered to assist Rachel with office tasks and assist Ricky and Roger with Queen rearing.

Training Coordinator: Robert Jones (present) Not present at meeting. Status for 2025 unknown.

Please consider running for an office. Club needs some new members to step up and get involved. Let Walter or Steven know if you are interested. By Laws were available for members at this meeting.

PROGRAM: Joanie Kochanek gave a power point presentation on Pollinator Plants for Home and Garden. I Had many handouts with plant information, native plants, grasses and trees. Some highlighted areas were:

- Importance of pollinators
- Creating better habitat for pollinators
- Pollinator friendly plants – diverse species – natives vs. imported
- Discussion of common host plants for various pollinators – plant variety
- Communication between plants and pollinators There was good discussion and Q&A session following program.

DOOR PRIZES/ADJOURNMENT. Meeting concluded about 8:15 PM

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary