

I. PBA President Walter McLendon called meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. 25 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Walter McLendon, Treasurer, reported balance of \$7466.03. No outstanding bills.

III. Apiary Report. Doyle Bruce, Apiary Manager gave report. Doyle stated there are still supers on three hives that need to be taken off and honey extracted. He asked for assistance from group. At least two members stated they could help him. Doyle stated that he could use some help in checking and/or feeding hives. He and Mike Hartman have been maintaining the hives without much help. PBA honey was brought to meeting, available for sale. All was sold, and one given as a door prize.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Meeting Location: No new updates.

b. Name Tags: Have been completed by Mike Hartman, and brought to meeting for pickup. Choice of magnetic or on lanyard. Thanks to Mike Hartman for completing this.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Snacks for November Meeting: Snacks: Mitzi Higginbotham, Joanie Kochanek, Randy Nevill, Linda McLendon. Drinks: Richard Peters: tea.

Doyle Bruce offered a prayer, and snacks were enjoyed during break and visitation time.

PROGRAM: Edward Doucet could not make the meeting; his program will be rescheduled. A roundtable discussion and Q&A were held in lieu of formal program.

Discussion covered pests, feeding during dearth and winter preparation for hives. Suggested feeding from December through February. Many are feeding presently due to drought and dearth. There is goldenrod and weed honey being collected now, as well as pollen. Time to examine for hive strength and combine weak hives in preparation for winter. Questions on insulation of hives for winter. Not really necessary here. Is advantageous to put entrance reducer on and block screen bottoms for winter. Newbies were advised to work on growing their hive, not honey. New hives will produce honey next year. Feed 1:1 syrup through until spring. Pollen patties not recommended now as hive beetles are still present. Advised to wait until January to feed patties.

DOOR PRIZES/ADJOURNMENT. Meeting concluded about 8:10 PM

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary