PBA MEETING : October 08, 2026 VFW HALL, LUFKIN, TX

I. PBA President Ricky Davis called meeting to order at 6:33P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new guest Lane Rhodes. 20 signed the register. Meals will no longer be served by VFW. Food can be purchased from the Cantina.

II. Treasurer Report: Mike Hartman, Treasurer, reported balance in PBA Account $7591.

III. Apiary Report: Roger Gauthier reported club presently has six active double hives, doing well.

OLD BUSINESS: Walter McLendon reported no news on the bee clothing from Pakistan. It may be lost, but has been paid for.

Ricky Davis reported the storage building is all set up and locked. There is missing equipment, including extractors. Efforts to be made to locate them. There are two observation hives and training/educational materials.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Precup reported that $493 in club honey was sold recently at the Catfish Festival.

Added Note from J. Kochanek: At November meeting, we elect Officers for PBA for 2027. If anyone is interested in being nominated, please contact a Board member.

PROGRAM:

Roger Gauthier demonstrated process of making 3-frame nuc boxes to raise queens.

Nancy Walker brought robber screens, OA strips, wasp traps and pollen feeder and demonstrated how to build and use these items for pest control, prevent robbing and feed supplementation. These items are all inexpensive to make and are often needed this time of year.

There was good discussion and exchange of ideas and tips given on maintaining healthy hives.

DOOR PRIZES & ADJOURNMENT: Door prizes given out. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Walker, substituting for Joanie Kochanek