

I. PBA President Walter McLendon called meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. 25 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Walter McLendon, Treasurer, reported balance of \$9287.58.

III. Apiary Report. Ricky Davis and Roger Gauthier gave Apiary Report. Hives are doing well. They are treating hives for varroa this week, and will place sugar bricks on hives in December. Hives are strong with lots of stored honey. Likely that hives will be ready to split in March, with nucs for sale. Roger and Ricky also demonstrated a hive beetle trap they designed from sign cardboard, and will report back how it works.

OLD BUSINESS: Stephen Josephsen reported that he met with Dr. Creech from SFA about rebuilding the Win Day hive and possible future apiary. They have a planned location and plans for hive. SFA students will assist with building and will maintain hives with supervision. SFA will be contacted to pursue a grant for funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Audit Committee: Walter stated an audit must be completed each January on the financial records of the club. A committee needs to be formed. Mike Hartman offered to head up a committee to complete this task.

B. Program Coordinator: Edward Doucet suggested a committee be formed to work on Programs. If anyone is interested in being on this committee, contact him. Edward offered the prayer over the meal and for those who are ill.

C. Election of Officers:

Vice-President: Nominee: Bob Love. No other nominees. Unanimous vote in favor.

Treasurer: Nominee: Mike Hartman by Motion of Walter McLendon, Ricky Davis, 2nd. Unanimous vote in favor.

Apiary Manager: Nominees: Ricky Davis and Roger Gauthier by Motion Walter McLendon, Bob Love 2nd. Unanimous vote for Ricky Davis and Roger Gauthier.

Ricky Davis will be leader of committee for PBA Bee School in 2025.

Secretary: Nominee: Joanie Kochanek, no other nominees. Unanimous vote in favor. Susan Precup offered to assist..

Training Coordinator: Nominee Ricky Davis by Motion made by Robert Jones, Edward Doucet 2nd. Unanimous vote in favor.

Editor: Nominee Rachel Payne, no other nominees. Unanimous vote in favor. Hanna Modisette has offered to assist.

D. PBA Christmas Party: Dec. 12, 2025, at VFW Hall. Unanimous decision to have VFW prepare meal. Edward Doucet to work out the details with VFW as to cost. James Dotson will present a program on mead making and will have some mead available.

PROGRAM: Roundtable discussion on winter preparation, pest control, feeding, etc. Helpful hints were offered on checking hives. If hives are light (pick up back to check), feed. Treat one more time for varroa. Note to newbies: bees will move up to top box in winter as population declines. This is normal. Be sure excluders are off even if supers left on. Each hive will need approximately 50 lbs. of stored honey. If you have to combine hives, keep the best queen; destroy the other and combine boxes with a sheet of newspaper in between.

Stephen Josephsen demonstrated a top feeder built for sugar bricks. Rachel mentioned winter is a good time to go through equipment, take stock of inventory, and do repair work. Member Don Lymbery said that he does not treat at all, and all of his bees were caught swarms. There was good discussion and Q&A session.

DOOR PRIZES/ADJOURNMENT. Meeting concluded about 8:25 PM

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary