

PBA MEETING 3/11/2021

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

I. PBA President Karen Mitchell called meeting to order 6:30 PM. Program by Kacy Cole, Dadant representative.

II. Treasurer Report: Treasurer Terry McFall reported bank balance as of 3/1/21 is \$8734.59.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Nomination Committee: No progress. Will be addressed at next April meeting. Will be addressed in Bee Line that we are seeking nominations for positions.
- b. April PBA Meeting: Will be held at Lufkin Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room. A Zoom meeting will be scheduled for those not able to attend in person.
- c. PBA Programs: Currently there is no Program Chairman. We ask members to volunteer to present a short program or find a speaker for a meeting. If everyone assists, it will relieve the burden of this task on one person.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PBA will hold its Bee School 4/17, 4/24, and 5/1 (bee yard), at the Texas A&M AgriLife Office on Medford Drive. Applications being printed and circulated. Members encouraged to pass information on to people who may be interested. Rachel and Joanie are coordinating plans and reaching out to members to assist with school.
2. Karen Mitchell has received the equipment necessary to record and stream the classes on Zoom. The club has some video equipment which will be tested for compatibility for use with iPhone or computer.
3. PBA Youth Program: PBA will offer the Youth Program again. Rachel is updating application and information will be circulated to local entities such as AgriLife Offices.

PROGRAM: Kacy Cole, of Dadant, beekeeping supply company in Paris, Texas, gave a program on hive maintenance, management and good practices for successful beekeeping. Some of the highpoints:

Nutrition is a main factor in success of a colony. Bees either consume or store food. Protein and carbohydrates are critical for colony growth. Protein: from pollen Carbohydrates: from sugar syrup, nectar. Spring is building time. Feed consistently. Slack off as natural sources increase and stop feeding when supers are added. Maintain in summer. Begin feeding again in fall for winter preparation. Feed pollen for protein about September.

Each hive should have 3-4 frames of brood to be strong. Kacy discussed various types of queen bees, methods of requeening.

There are always new items being developed to assist the beekeeper. Be vigilant and research.

All business being discussed, meeting adjourned about 7:30PM.

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary