

I. PBA President Walter McLendon called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new members and guests: Roger Gauthier, Ross Kay. 37 signed the register. Guests informed that they could join club by registering with Walter and paying \$15 dues.

II. Treasurer Report: Walter McLendon, Treasurer, reported balance of \$7393.18.

III. Apiary Report. Doyle Bruce: On 7/18, honey extraction was completed, harvested around 5 gallons. Have some honey at this meeting if anyone is interested in purchasing. Hives condensed back to 5, after losing some queens. One single weaker hive will be moved to Walter's residence, so it can be fed regularly.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Inventory/Assets: List is still being compiled by Edward Doucet. Inventory is located in several locations and will be put on a spreadsheet, so that club is aware of where everything is.
- b. Bylaws: Have been updated and new version being typed. Will present to club for approval.
- c. Location for Club Meetings: The COC has been paid for the year, but if we change venues, we will receive a refund.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Edward reviewed Programs scheduled for remainder of the year:

September: Pest Control and Open Discussion

October: Why Beekeeping?

November: Open Discussion

December: Christmas Party. Susan Precup again offered her home as venue for the Christmas Party.

Motion made by Edward, seconded by Dwayne Howell, to hold Christmas party at Susan & Clay's home.

Doyle Bruce offered Prayer and snacks were enjoyed during break.

PROGRAM: Hive management During Summer Dearth – Susan Precup

An informative program was given by Susan, outlining steps and tips to maintain hives in the intense summer heat when there is a dearth. 4 Steps to Manage Hives:

1. Monitor hive strength and population, presence of queen. Observe for robbing behaviors.
2. Provide adequate water sources, and feed if needed.
3. Minimize hive disturbances. Bees are more aggressive during this time.
4. Be sure there is sufficient hive space to prevent swarming. Add supers if needing space. Have adequate ventilation for hives.

To further help the bees survive summer, provide plants for the pollinators. Also, it's important to treat for varroa and use integrated pest management tools to minimize loss of hives to pests. Various treatments using essential oils were also discussed for eradication of small hive beetles. Edward demonstrated a robbing screen that he had built for use on hives. Wendy also prepared a handout outlining her program.

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

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary