

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes February 8, 2018

I. President Roy Stark called meeting to order at 6:30pm, with pledge of Allegiance. Recognition of 2017 and 2018 officers.

- Asking for volunteer for a new apiary manager.
- Also need volunteer for new program director, Melony Jackson moving.
- Bee School will be April 21 & 28 and May 5 and fee is \$60 a person.
- Looking into new venue because Chamber is too small. Laurie Love to check on her church for a possibility. Agri Life has available space but parking is limited and Thursday is not available.
- Need volunteers to help with promoting beekeeping at schools, festivals, etc.
- Before break Roy will ask who needs help with bee issues.

2. Finance Report - Terry McFall, Treasurer

- Balance at end of month \$9,968.37
- 80% comes from sale of honey.
- 2018 Dues are due.

3. Hive Report - Don Lymbery, Apiary Manager

- 6 hives going into winter, lost one. 5 total
- Everything looks good.

4. Inspiration Award - 3 complete 5 frame nucs

- Marie Kocyan, Don Lymbery, Rodger Floyd

5. Melony Jackson

- Trinity Smith presented 2 part program on "How Bees Think" and "Genetic Selection".
- How Bees Think - Covered aggressive behavior, swarm behavior, life stages of bees, bee language, complex thinking of bees.
- Genetic Selection - Covered African, Buckfast Honey, Carniolan, Caucasian, Cordovan, Italian Honeybee and Russian. Gave outline of specific traits of each bee and pros/cons.
- Susan Cobey was mentioned as an AI expert from A&M University.

6. Closing

- Rita Hester & Christina Banchs-McRae will bring snacks. Jeff Haney will bring drinks.
- Roy will check by-laws about an audit.
- Roy will bring swarm traps next meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.