

## Pineywoods Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020

Meeting called to order at 630 pm by president Karen Mitchell

Pledge of allegiance and Texas pledge

Approximately 30 members in attendance

Treasures report by Terry McFall current balance 8367.75

There were at least 6 visitors

New business should the start time remain at 630 pm.? It was decided by a majority vote of members present for the meeting time to remain at 630 pm

Bee School 2020 will be held on April 18th and April 25th and field day May 2nd at the Agrilife center in Lufkin with field day location to be determined

Prayers for Linda Bordelon who is now on hospice

Program by Member Ryan Nelson from Nacogdoches "how to check your hives in 2 minutes"

Ryan is a 5 year beekeeper he attended bee school with PBA 5 years ago

He currently has 6 hives

This is a quick method to check hive strength in winter

This method does not measure hive stores

It does measure approximate hive strength

Light your smoker smoke the front hive but don't smoke under the top cover

Count the number of frames that have bees on them that come up to defend the hive this is an approximate indicator of the cluster size

3-5 frames covered with bees can be an indication of a weak hive

Important to feed weak hives

6 or more frames of bees usually an indication of a strong hive focus on resources make sure they have enough

Prayer before snacks by Robert Jones

Discussion of presentation and questions

Snacks for March meeting Ms Yankie

Rachel snacks

Haney's drinks

Meeting adjourned 815 pm

Respectfully submitted by Janet Haney for Joanie