

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

- I. President Roy Stark called meeting to order 7:00PM, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Guests and visitors welcomed and introduced. Sixty people were in attendance.
- II. OLD BUSINESS
 - Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance as of 8/31/18 \$7557.55 (given by Joanie Kochanek for Terry McFall).
 - Apiary Report: Hives (4) have been moved to new location. Need 3 volunteers who live in area to help with Apiary. Roy Stark purchased Freeman traps for hives, to be installed.
 - Queen Rearing Classes: 29 people attended two class sessions given by Robert Jones at his apiary. Special thanks given to Robert Jones for volunteering a great amount of time to this endeavor.
- III. NEW BUSINESS:
 - Club will schedule more training sessions in future on various subjects, utilizing our tenured experienced members.
 - Special thanks given to Rachel Payne and Marie Kocyan for organizing bottling and scheduling the selling of PBA honey at community events and festivals. 17 gal. of honey was processed this year. Need volunteers to assist at events during fall months. Listed in Bee Line. If there are no volunteers, honey may be sold in bulk.
 - 2019 Honey Bee Festival: 13 people have signed up so far to assist. Need more volunteers. A Board meeting will vote on holding festival, dependent upon volunteer participation. If approved, a Coordinator will be appointed and committee formed to make plans.
 - President Roy Stark commended club on its success and stressed that it is the members that will make club grow and succeed. People need to be involved to help PBA be successful.
 - Special birthday greeting to long time member Charlene Ham.
 - Program Coordinator James Dotson: Announced 12/8/18 as date for PBA Christmas Party, to be held at the St. Cyprian Church, 6PM, pot luck. PBA will furnish brisket.
 - October 11th Meeting: Will hold round table discussion. Long time beekeepers will be asked to participate.
October Snacks: Rachel Payne, David Gallager, Roy Stark; Drinks: Ofelia Vasquez
- IV. Food & Program:
 - Robert Jones gave the blessing and snacks were enjoyed by all during program.
 - Program on Pest Control – Roy Stark gave a very detailed and helpful program on controlling small hive beetles, varroa, ants, in hives. Suggests multiple defenses:
 - Advocated Freeman traps, Hive beetle blaster traps, Swiffer sheets, CD cases with boric acid, honey, Crisco bait (put near entrance)
 - Boric acid or salt/vinegar/hot water solution around hives
 - Cinnamon – natural deterrent for ants; diatomaceous earth – can sprinkle under and around hives
 - Oxalic acid treatment – Recommends 3 treatments, 1 week apart.
 - Sticky board for mite counts.
 - Be vigilant. Keep watch on your hives. Merge the weak hives this fall to survive winter.
- V. Many door prizes awarded, including a nuc box and Freeman traps generously donated by Roy Stark. Meeting adjourned about 9:15pm
Respectfully submitted: Joanie Kochanek, PBA Interim Secretary