

I. President Steven Josephsen called meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed members and guests. 34 people signed the register, including several new guests who became new members.

II. Treasurer Report: Treasurer report given by Walter McClendon. Balance as of 01/31/22: \$9033.31. Members advised that PBA dues are due and can be paid to Walter McClendon, Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from last meeting were published in PBA Beeline.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Board meeting was held February 10, 2022, at 5:30PM, before the regular PBA Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss changes in the PBA ByLaws and the 2022 PBA Beekeeping School to be held in April.

The Board has been working on changes to the PBA Bylaws, which have not been updated in many years. Changes to offices, terms and duties were implemented. Program coordinator and SFA Liaison positions changed to committees, so that duties could be shared with other members. Terms for President and Vice-President changed to two years to be alternated. Other cosmetic changes made. The new Bylaws will be typed up and emailed to all members to be voted on at the next meeting.

2. PBA Bee School Plans: Classes will be held April 9, 16, and 23. Need alternate location for bee yard day on 4/23/22, in case of excess rain. Several people offered their locations and will be looked at. Rachel is organizing classes and is preparing packets, paperwork. Requested assistance with teaching classes. Books to be ordered. Limit to 50 people.

3. PBA Youth Program: Rachel updated club on status of Youth Program members. Only one still participating, who gave her report to Rachel. It was shared with group. Other hives are now located at Rachel's home. Will discuss plans for those hives later. Youth program was briefly discussed to inform new members. No decision made at this meeting to implement Youth program for 2022.

4. SFA Win Day Hive: Status was updated by David Gallagher, who recently examined it. The hive needs a lot of repair. The hive was originally funded by E. TX Beekeepers Assn. and a grant, but will now be responsibility of PBA to maintain. David Gallagher and Robert Jones will see what exactly is needed and get estimates for repair.

SNACKS/DRINKS: March: Snacks: Elizabeth Ybarra, drinks: Luke Temple.

BREAK/SNACKS: Robert Jones gave blessing

PROGRAM: Mike Hauck. Program on yellow jacket problems/control. Related his story of losing a good strong hive this past fall to yellow jacket infestation. After researching options on the Internet, he chose to try building traps to capture and kill the yellow jackets. Very successful as he reported catching nearly a 5-gallon bucket of dead yellow jackets by the end of his trapping. Empty soda bottles can be used or a plastic box. A funnel is attached to top. Ingredients are soda, apple cider vinegar, fruit, few drops Dawn dish soap. Said very few bees flew down into the bottles, but many yellow jackets. Bob Love talked about control of varroa using oxalic acid vaporizer. Demonstrated his vaporizer that he made which can vaporize many hives in little time.

CLOSURE/DOOR PRIZES. Many door prizes were given out. All business being concluded, meeting adjourned about 8:20 PM.

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary