

I. PBA President Karen Mitchell called meeting to order 6:35 PM. Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. and Texas. Welcomed members and guests. 20 people signed the register. Steve Josephsen live streamed the meeting on his Ipad.

II. Treasurer Report: Treasurer report given by Karen Mitchell. Balance as of 4/30/21 is \$8626.35. The financial yearly audit was completed. No errors found.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. PBA Bee School: The bee school was completed successfully. Bee yard visit was 5/8/21 and was very well attended. There were two Youth Program families, along with 21 paid students. A big thank you given to all who helped organize and hold this program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Nomination Committee: Nomination Committee: Mike & Joanie Kochanek and Mary Steely. Offices of PBA: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Program Manager, Apiary Manager and SFA Liaison. Elections are held in November. Hospitality Chairman is also needed now. Program Chairman: vacant

For new members, present officers are:

President: Karen Mitchell; Vice-President: vacant (received resignation from Joe Moran); Secretary: Joanie Kochanek; Treasurer: Terry McFall; Apiary Manager: Jesus Vasquez; Newsletter Editor: Rachel Payne; SFA Liaison: vacant (position to be eliminated); Hospitality Chair: vacant.

Motion made by Mike Kochanek, Richard Peters (2<sup>nd</sup>) to accept present slate of officers until November elections are held.

Mike Kochanek volunteered to fill VP position until November, and Steve Josephsen expressed interest also.

b. PBA Programs: Currently there is no Program Chairman. It was again suggested that members volunteer to present a short program or find a speaker for a meeting. If everyone assists, it will relieve the burden of this task on one person. A person to handle hospitality supplies and set up is also needed.

c. June Program: Discussion of possible PBA picnic/gathering for June. Taylor Boyter offered his apiary yard in Joaquin. Location will be decided and information sent out later via email.

**PROGRAM:**

Karen Mitchell gave a presentation on Layen hives, which she has incorporated into her beeyard.

Invented in the 1800's by George de Layens, a French botanist, who also published a book "Keeping Bees in Horizontal Hives." These horizontal hives are built sturdily, are very heavy and can withstand extreme weather as they are insulated by 1.5" wood. These hives are made to remain in place and have to be moved via tractor due to weight factor, especially if full of honey.

- Original horizontal hive built to simulate a tree hollow, more natural environment
- Frames are much larger than Langstroth frames, 13"x16", and will hold about 12 lbs. honey each.
- Hive can hold up to 20 frames. Generally, bees build brood at one side, honey on the other.
- Very popular in Europe. Now over 2.6 million in U.S.

All business being concluded, meeting adjourned about 8:00PM.

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary