

PBA MEETING 9/8/22 LUFKIN COC MEETING ROOM

I. Vice President Walter McLendon called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. President Steven Josephsen was absent. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new members and guests. 31 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Walter McLendon, Treasurer, reported balance of \$9244.89.

III. Apiary Report: Jesus Vazquez reported owner of property where PBA hives are located has been ill, in the hospital. Have not been able to get access to hives to move them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hives need to be extracted of honey if still viable. Will get several PBA members to assist in harvesting any honey and arranging hives for move to Lufkin area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Edward Doucet suggested a buy, sell, trade section on line or in Newsletter for members to use. He will assist in keeping it updated. Can send ads to Edward Doucet: edoucet@gmail.com

2. For October meeting, all members having honey can bring a small sample to meeting, unlabeled, for judging. Put a 4-digit # on jar for ID.

3. Snacks/Drinks for October meeting: Snacks; Doucets, Amy Lykke, Jane Clark. Drinks: Richard Peters.

4. Edward Doucet has a suggestion box set up to collect program ideas, questions, problems, etc. Encouraged all to participate. Let the club know what programs you would like to have.

SNACKS/PRAYER: Gaye Standridge gave a blessing, and snacks were enjoyed by all.

PROGRAM: Edward Doucet presented a program, focusing on beekeeping education, reducing costs, increasing efficiency, basic tasks, proper management. Edward touched on a lot of subjects. Members Bob Love, Roy Stark and others contributed with good information and tips. Some of the highpoints:

- Strive to learn. There are many UTube videos, join TBA, Texas Bee Supply seminars.
- Spend time with your bee hives. The more you observe, the more you will be able to learn and see problems. Contact other members to assist you. They are happy to help.
- Main Focus – Keep food, water available. Monitor for pests.
- Feed during dearth periods. Check hives for resources.
- September: Check for queen, brood pattern, resources. Combine weak hives if necessary. You will need about 50 lbs. of honey per double hive to make it through winter months.
- Varroa treatment is important in late summer/fall. Hives are beginning to decline.

CLOSURE/DOOR PRIZES Meeting concluded at 8:15pm

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary