

PBA MEETING : February 12, 2026

VFW HALL, LUFKIN, TX

I. PBA President Ricky Davis called meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new guests. 37 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Mike Hartman reported PBA Club account balance \$10782.84. Reminder that club dues are now due for 2026: \$15/year for email newsletter; \$20/year for mailed newsletter.

III. Apiary Report: Ricky Davis and Roger Gauthier reported one hive lost during cold spell. Currently four hives that are building up. Should be able to split them in spring.

OLD BUSINESS: Walter stated there is still some bee equipment available, suits, hats, gloves, etc. at a very reasonable cost. The remaining items are in his truck for those interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Financial Audit was completed per Bylaws and accounts balanced and approved.

B. PBA Apiary Move: Discussion on moving hives to new location in Burke. Easier access, good location. Motion made by Edward Doucet, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Precup to relocate PBA hives. Motion passed.

C. PBA Bee School: Scheduled for 2/21, 2/28 and 3/7. 3/7/26 will be at bee yard of Roger Gauthier, 1084 Caver Road, Lufkin, TX. Welcome any help with set up, clean up, snacks, and mentor input.

D. Queen Rearing Class: Ricky Davis and Roger Gauthier will hold queen rearing class beginning 3/14/26. Rachel will be sending out email notifications on time, location.

E. Sale of Nucs: Rachel will be sending out a list of suppliers as she obtains them. Ricky and Roger will be selling nucs from their private yard for \$225.

F. Purchase of Storage Building: A storage building is needed for the PBA equipment which is presently scattered throughout several locations. Motion made by Ricky Davis to authorize purchase of a storage building with a budget up to \$3000. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Lymbery, Motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM: Several subjects were covered, giving good information and resources. Larry Zimmerman demonstrated bee vacuum which he built, showed video of his retrieval of huge bee hive in a fence. Ricky Davis discussed swarm traps and tips on placement, transferring bees from traps to hive box. Varroa treatments discussed and the various treatment methods available. Walter stated a new treatment, fed as a supplement, has been approved and is on the market.

DOOR PRIZES & ADJOURNMENT: Door prizes given out. Meeting adjourned about 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Joanie Kochanek, Secretary