

PBA MEETING : May 15, 2026

VFW HALL, LUFKIN, TX

I. PBA President Ricky Davis called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Prayer over meal offered. Pledge of allegiance. Welcomed new guests, including Celina Serna and children, Majed Jaarah, Brett Hartmann, Ross Kay, Rob and Tammy Hall. 34 signed the register.

I. Treasurer Report: No report. Mike Hartman was not present.

III. Apiary Report: Roger Gauthier reported club presently has five active boxes, 1 nuc. Honey supers on 3 hives. Trap hives are out. Swarms are scarce this year, may be an off year for honey. Not a good honey flow.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob Love reported PBA is still looking for a used storage building, in neighborhood of \$3000. Approved by group vote to purchase.

Walter reported order from Pakistan has been shipped but is on hold somewhere in customs due to shipping disruption/conflicts. He will keep us updated on status.

Don Lymbery reported the SFA observation hive is complete and operational. Said it is very nice. Located at the SFA Garden, Pineywoods Native Plant Center, Raguet Street, Nacogdoches.

NEW BUSINESS:

PBA June Picnic: In lieu of regular meeting, our summer picnic will be held at Clay and Susan Precup's home, 1643 Walker Rd., Huntington, TX June 13<sup>th</sup>, 11-3 P.M.. Meat will be provided by club. Please bring side dish, dessert and your own drinks.

Rachel Payne brought plants for those who want them.

PROGRAM: Susan Precup gave information on beekeeping during May/June, covering colony growth, swarms, bloom cycle, adding supers, ventilation and pest control. Yaupon, privet and tallow all blooming. Mite counts were encouraged. Treat before supers are on, or pull supers off, then treat. Ricky suggested the sponges containing oxalic acid and glycerin for continuous treatment. A good tip for viewing mites was to take a picture of brood with phone and then enlarge it. Often mites will be present in drone brood. A new miticide, Api-Bioxal RTU1, is available through Better Bee Supply Company.

World Bee Day: May 20<sup>th</sup>. Susan suggested encourage public to plant pollinator gardens, flowers, reduce pesticide use, and have a water source available in the yard. The more we can educate people, the better off we will be.

There was much discussion, questions and answers, and participation by our experienced beekeepers.

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

Respectfully submitted: Joanie Kochanek, Secretary