

PBA MEETING : July 9, 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 and members. 36 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Mike Hartman – Balance in PBA Account \$8767.76.

III. Apiary Report: Roger Gauthier reported club presently has six active boxes, doing well.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Storage Building: Group discussed and had previously voted to purchase a storage building. A building has been located for \$2800. Building will be placed at Smith property where PBA hives are located. Ricky Davis also stated he ordered two loads of fill dirt to level area for building. Thanks given to Kenny Standridge for locating the building. Kenny suggested members bring a small jar of honey to next meeting to give to Premier Storage Building, as they gave us a great deal.

Once the building is in place and ready to use, club will work on collecting inventory and a list will be made. A log sheet will be compiled for those who need to borrow equipment.

PROGRAM:

Susan had a fun program for all, “Hive Mystery Night,” and showed various scenarios for members to comment, suggest, correct, etc. Many topics were covered, such as varroa, swarming, spotty brood, honey bound hive, mites, heat factors. There was good discussion, and question and answer session during summer survival roundtable. Susan reiterated that we are here to share our successes, failures, goals and lessons learned, and are always eager to help each other. Members encouraged to ask questions.

We may very well have a nectar dearth soon, so feeding will be necessary during that time. Observe and monitor your hives. Provide adequate food, water and ventilation. Treat for mites and beetles as needed.

DOOR PRIZES & ADJOURNMENT: Door prizes given out. Meeting adjourned about 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Joanie Kochanek, Secretary