

- I. PBA President Walter McLendon called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. No new members to welcome. 28 signed the register.
- II. No treasury report. Mike Hartman was not present.
- III. Apiary Report. Ricky Davis reported that they lost one hive due to Hive Moths and the apiary has 5 hives. One of the five will be sent to SFA in February to be used in the observation hive. There were 5 gallons of honey harvested.
- IV. Angelina & Neches River Authority donated disposable trash bags.

OLD BUSINESS: Walter stated there is still protective clothing available. He passed around hoodie and pants for everyone to see. He needs to have at least 10 orders for the same size.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination Committee needed to nominate new officers in November. Don Lymbery and Bob Love will serve on the committee.

PROGRAM:

Susan introduced Bill Baxter, Assistant Chief Apiary Inspector

[Welcome to the Texas Apiary Inspection Service - Texas Apiary Inspection Service \(TAIS\)](#), (979)321-5827, email: tais@tamu.edu

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He reminded everyone that their beekeeper registration expires August 31 and can be renewed online. [Forms & Fees - Texas Apiary Inspection Service \(TAIS\)](#)

Stated a couple of times that the actions of one beekeeper reflects on the rest of the beekeepers.

It is easier to keep bees healthy than it is to bring them back to health

200 beekeepers bring in 200,000 colonies to Texas

Cost is \$100. For a paid inspection and the inspector will spend time with the beekeeper discussing what was found. If you request an inspection due to disease, there is no cost.

He discussed pests, pesticides and diseases.

Tropilaelaps Mites and the Yellow Legged Hornet are two that are on the radar. The Hornet is in GA and SC. It hovers in front of the hive, snatches a bee and lands in a bush to eat it, returns to the hive and repeats.

Hive boxes where bees have been killed from pesticides are OK to reuse. Do not have to be destroyed. If pesticide killed, do not waste money to determine where – spend your money to get new bees.

Bees get pollen from goat weed and bahia seeds

Bacterial Diseases:

American and European Foul Brood.

American forms spores and is very contagious. Spores can remain dormant for years.

Rope test leaves string. Affects CAPPED larva. Burn hives

European Foul Brood.

Not as serious as AFB. Can use Terramycin and powdered sugar or Tylen. A&M can call vet and send a statement that it is EFB and can get meds for bees.

Varroa mite – causes deformed wing virus. Requeening helps. Treat

Parasitic Mite Syndrome – usually tongue will be sticking out of dead pupa. No treatment for virus, but it helps to keep mite numbers down.

SHB. Keep lots of bees in the box and the box in the sunshine.

Can use unscented Swiffer sheets. Larva has legs – Wax Moth larva does not have legs.

ANNOUNCEMENT: No outside food or drinks are allowed. DO NOT BRING ANY IN.

Door Prizes/Adjournment. Meeting concluded at 8:15 PM

Notes by Karen Mitchell, PBA Member