

PBA MEETING : August 13, 2026

VFW HALL, LUFKIN, TX

I. PBA President Ricky Davis called meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Prayer over meal offered. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new guests, Ken Burke, Joe and Robin Cefalu, James Young, Charlie Cortinas, Koa Truman. 33 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Mike Hartman – Balance in PBA Account \$8357.79.

III. Apiary Report: Roger Gauthier reported club presently has five active boxes, doing well. Honey has been extracted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Walter reported no news on shipment of bee equipment ordered. Will update when he receives word.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Storage Building: Ricky reported building has been moved to Burke. Ricky reminded members that the club has bee equipment such as extractors and observation hives that can be lent out to members for use. We will inform members of what is available once inventory is done. Contact a board member if you need to borrow equipment.

B. Festivals/Upcoming Events: Rachel sends out emails and newsletters informing all of upcoming events.

SFA has the permanent observation hive. Catfish Festival: 10/3/26. PBA will have a booth and will sell honey. Susan and Clay will man the booth in the morning. Need help for the afternoon session.

PROGRAM: Chris Steely arranged the program by TXDOT on herbicides, spraying and bee loss, with Kelly Morris presenting information on how the State prescribes spray programs, what sprays are used and where and when chemicals are disbursed. Discussed better communication efforts with beekeepers to monitor results. The District covers 9 counties, a huge area. They have spray schedules which she will share with the club. There is a newsletter and maintenance information on line. They don't have much control over mowing which is done by contractors, usually in June and October. They will be sharing more information with us which should be helpful to bee owners.

Ricky Davis and Nancy Walker showed the robbing screen which is very helpful, especially in the fall when robbing becomes a problem. Ricky also has oxalic acid/glycerin sponges available for mite control. It was suggested to place entrance reducers on in the fall to prevent wasps and/or robbing, especially during a dearth.

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

Respectfully submitted: Joanie Kochanek, Secretary