

I. PBA President Walter McLendon called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed new members and guests. 19 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Walter McLendon, Treasurer, reported balance of \$10903.15.

III. Apiary Report: Apiary Manager Ricky Davis reported. Five double hives, doing well. Have treated with oxalic acid vapor.

OLD BUSINESS: Bee suits, veils and other equipment still available for sale. See Walter McLendon. He has stock in his truck. New orders are on hold as the whole area of Pakistan has flooded.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Nominating Committee: Bob Love and Don Lymbery. To date, following have been nominated:

Program Director: Susan Precup (Edward Doucet to step down)

President: Ricky Davis, Mike Hartman

Vice-President: Bob Love

Secretary: Nominations available. Joanie Kochanek has filled this position for many years.

Editor: Rachel Payne: Nominations available. Rachel has filled with position for many years. Needs assistance.

Nomination slate is due at October meeting. Please notify one of the Board members or Nominating Committee if you wish to run for an office. Elections will be held at November PBA meeting.

SFA Liaison: Ricky Davis has been working with SFA on their apiary. Apiary will be set back up in the spring.

PROGRAM: Fall/Winter Preparation/ Pest Control Roundtable Discussion

Roger Gauthier: Uses multiple methods. Swiffer pads (rough side down) on top of frames (cut into strips or in half).

Roger and Ricky will be making sugar brick feeders and sugar bricks later in fall, will be available for sale.

Bob Love discussed winter preparation. Pest Management: varroa, wax moths.

- Reduce extra space. If hive small, reduce down.
- Use multiple items for pest control, Swiffer sheets, cd cases with insecticide, oil trays,
- Soapy water around hive.
- Oxalic acid or wet strips with glycerin for varroa
- New method for varroa: glycerin/oxalic acid sponges. (Ricky and Roger are making)

Terry McFall: contributed his ideas for pest management and fall preparation:

- Put in full sun. Fill in any cracks in boxes.
- Don't use frame spacers in brood boxes. Gives beetles a place to hide and breed.
- Keep hive strong as possible.
- Salt and vinegar solution around hives and underneath helps.
- CD cases for beetles (1 tsp. honey, 1 tsp. boric acid, Crisco) place in middle. Place on bottom board, in corners or on inner cover.

- Another recipe for “murder sauce”: 3 lbs Crisco, 1 cup diatomaceous earth, 10 drops eucalyptus oil, 32 drops of food coloring. (recipe for many hives). Put on bottom board, in corners, on inner cover. (Was on YouTube)

Don Lymbery: contributed his ideas for pest management and fall preparation:

- He does not treat with chemicals at all.
- Keep hives in full sun. Keep 3” entrance on hives all year.
- Hives on rubber mats.
- Screen over inner cover slot will prevent beetles and moths from entering.

There was good discussion and Q&A session following program.

DOOR PRIZES/ADJOURNMENT. Meeting concluded about 8:05 PM

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary