

I. PBA President Walter McLendon called meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed all members. 30 signed the register.

II. Treasurer Report: Mike Hartman, Treasurer, reported balance of \$11,352.15.

III. Apiary Report. Roger Gauthier reported that five hives are doing well, double boxes with medium supers on. They will complete oxalic treatment and check all hives next week.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Walter McLendon announced ongoing sale of bee suits and various items purchased by PBA. Items are in Walter's truck and available.

B. Elections: Elections for PBA Officers will be held at the November meeting. Nominations needed. Don and Bob Love are on Nominating Committee.

President: Walter McLendon. Walter will not run again. Possible nominees: Ricky Davis, Mike Hartman

Vice-President: Bob Love – has one more year to serve.

Treasurer: Mike Hartman.

Secretary: Joanie Kochanek – Has served many years. Would welcome a nominee.

Training Coordinator: Need nominees. Ricky Davis has been filling this position.

Newsletter Editor: Rachel Payne – Has served for many years. Would welcome a nominee to fill this position.

Apiary Manager: Presently Ricky Davis and Roger Gauthier. Need nominees.

PROGRAM: Winter Hive Preparation: Bob Love. Roundtable Discussion and Q&A session for members.

Bob gave a good talk on how to best prepare hives for winter. Some of the highlights:

- Evaluate your hives for strength, brood and stores. Best to have 2 brood boxes and 1 medium super on each. Combine weak hives. If you do have single boxes, you must feed them. Lift back of hive to check weight. Should be fairly heavy now. As winter progresses, hive will become light. You must then feed.
- Winters here are not usually severe enough to insulate. It would help to put a windbreak on north side. Put reducers on entrances to small opening.
- Pest control is important. Watch for yellow jackets and wax moths. Wax moths are usually a sign of failing hive. Treat for varroa before winter. Bob explained about new oxalic treatment using sponges that Randy Oliver uses. There is a You Tube available on line that explains it.

There was good discussion and question/answer session.

Announcement made that Woodville Bee Club meets 4th Tuesday at 6:00 PM Nancy Walker will conduct a honey tasting and other members will be bringing honey.

DOOR PRIZES/ADJOURNMENT. Meeting concluded about 8:00 PM

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary