

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES APRIL 12, 2018

- I. President Roy Stark called meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance. 44 Members signed in.
- II. Financial Report – Terry McFall.
 - * Balance 3/31/18: \$10,188.73
 - * Largest fundraiser this year will be from PBA Bee School.
- III. Apiary Report: Robert Jones (Interim for Don Lymbery)
 - *8 Hives – some ready for splits
 - *Need for new Apiary Manager pending since last year. If no one steps up, Motion to be made to sell hives.
 - * Marie Kocyan announced member Trinity Smith has volunteered to take the position. Motion made by Marie and seconded by Robert Jones to appoint Trinity Smith as Apiary Manager. Motion passed.
 - * Robert Jones, Roy Stark and others volunteered to assist Trinity when needed.
 - * Hives to be moved to Corrigan area, where Trinity resides.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS: Announcements:
 - a. PBA Bee School – Marie Kocyan: 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 – 10AM-4:30PM at TX AgriLife Extension Office, 2107 S. Medford, Lufkin.
 - b. *Marie, Terry, Robert, Roy will all assist teaching.
 - *Several members volunteered to assist with registration, etc.
 - c. PBA Rewards Program –Rachel Payne
 - *Offered a rewards program to encourage participation by members in public awareness, educational programs throughout our area. Only a few participate at present.
 - *Members would receive “stars” for participation. After 5 stars, dues for the next year would be free. Other incentives could be offered.
 - *Motion made by Rita Hester, second Pam Barrow, to adopt Rewards Program.
Motion passed.
 - d. Upcoming Events Needing Volunteers:
 - *4/28/18 SFASU Breakfast on the Farm 8:30AM
 - *5/18/18 TX Forestry Museum, Lufkin, 6-8PM Info in Bee Line.
- V. Terry McFall gave blessing, and everyone enjoyed snacks
- VI. Program: Roy Stark, Rachel Payne, Terry McFall, Jesus Vazquez gave an informative program on catching swarms, bait hives, the “good, bad and ugly” of swarm catching.
 - * Good tips, advice, ideas, opinions shared. Members had good questions and several asked to accompany an experienced beekeeper to learn more about general beekeeping as well as swarm catch. Various types of swarm boxes, catch pails, materials needed were shown.
 - * We are at the peak of swarm season, so be prepared!
- VII. Door Prizes: Several members contributed door prizes, awarded at the end of the meeting.
- VIII. Closing:
 - * Snacks for May Meeting: David & Theresa Guy, Michael Morgan. Drinks: Jesus and Ofelia Vazquez.
 - * Meeting adjourned 9:15PM

Submitted by:
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For Cindy Dotson