

MINUTES

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS MEETING

August 8, 2019 St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

I. President Ronnie Moors called meeting to order 6:35PM. Welcomed members and four new visitors. Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. 33 people signed the meeting register.

II. Treasurer's Report: Terry McFall reported the treasury balance as of 7/31/19: \$8706.31.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PBA Board meeting was held just prior to this meeting. Bob Love has volunteered to fill the Vice President position for the remainder of 2019.

B. Snacks were discussed. A vote was taken on whether to continue with snacks at meetings, due to lack of volunteers. Majority voted to continue having snacks. This will require 3 volunteers per month: 2 for food, 1 for drinks. If no one volunteers, people will be assigned.

Volunteers for September Meeting: Joe Moran (snacks), Aaron and Christi Diggins, new members (snacks), and Karen Mitchell (drinks).

C. Status of PBA Hives: Terry McFall reported for Apiary Manager, Jesus Vasquez. Hives were all lost in 2018. Jesus Vasquez rebuilt hives for PBA. There are presently 2 double hives, 3 single hives. No honey harvested this year.

D. Snacks & Program: Robert Jones blessed the food. Janet Haney, Program Coordinator, announced that scheduled speaker was unable to attend. Robert Jones graciously stepped in to present program on Summer/Fall Care.

Some of the highlights noted:

Two most Important Factors: Hive (nest) size, and Resources (food)

Nest size should be "basketball size" to survive winter. If you have small hives, merge with another box by October. Keep the best queen.

Resources: Our main honey flow was finished in June. Weed pollen and nectar now – can provide good honey for bees. January-February is when most hives are lost. Feed by Jan 1st until time of splitting, possibly mid-March. There is a dearth now. If you have single box weaker hives, feed them now to help them build up brood and stores.

Watch your hives for pests. Hives beetles thrive in the heat of summer.

Store your comb with Paramoth- moth crystals (para-dichlorobenzene), not moth balls. Can stack medium boxes 4-5 high. Deeps: no more than 4 high. Replenish moth crystals as needed, on top box, as vapors travel downward.

E. Door Prizes and Adjournment: Several door prizes awarded. Adjourned 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted, Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary