

# PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

July 11, 2019 Meeting

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church Hall, Lufkin, TX

I. Program Coordinator Janet Haney called meeting to order 6:40 PM, with Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed new visitors and members. President Ronnie Moors was working in Houston and unable to attend. 30 people signed the meeting register.

II. Treasurer's Report: No report as Treasurer was not in attendance.

III. Announcements: Joanie announced that Terry McFall's mother had passed away, and to keep family in their prayers. TBA will hold its annual convention this year in San Antonio, Texas. Information on their website.

Volunteer needed for PBA "Hospitality Coordinator," task, held by Marie Kocyan for several years. Tasks include setting up and taking down supplies for meetings, storing and purchasing supplies (reimbursed by PBA). Information in July Bee Line.

IV. Food/Refreshments

V. PROGRAM:

Janet Haney introduced Harrison Rogers, Texas Beekeepers Association Director. Mr. Rogers gave an excellent presentation on Honey biology, harvesting/extraction, storage, and sale of honey products. A few interesting highlights are as follows:

- Honey is mainly sucrose and glucose. High glucose content makes honey crystallize sooner.
- Dyce method of processing uses pasteurization to prevent fermentation of honey.
- Honey should be rewarmed between 104-120 degrees.
- Honey is hygroscopic – absorbs moisture. Honey should contain no more than 18.6% moisture to be Grade A.
- Refractometer is tool used to test moisture of honey. Can be purchased on Amazon or from bee equipment companies.
- Filtering vs. straining - Filters vary from 200,400, 600 micron size.
- Most pollen is from 5-25 microns, so will go through filtering process.

Mr. Rogers spoke about the Real Texas Honey Program, a non-profit entity, operating under TBA. Promotes honey produced by beekeepers in Texas. They provide marketing and advertising for Texas beekeepers. Advantageous to join this organization. Website: [Realtexashoney.com](http://Realtexashoney.com)

VI. Roundtable Discussion Session: Members were given an opportunity to ask questions and discuss their beekeeping issues with some of the more experienced beekeepers in the group.

VII. Door Prizes and Adjournment: Door prizes were awarded. Meeting adjourned about 8:15PM

Next meeting: August 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary