

MINUTES

PINEYWOODS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

November 14, 2019 St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Lufkin, TX

I. Vice-President Bob Love called meeting to order 6:40PM. Welcomed members and guests. Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. 17 people signed the meeting register. Prayers were asked for Terry McFall, who recently suffered a minor stroke, but is progressing well.

II. Treasurer's Report: No report.

III. Apiary Report: Jesus Vazquez reported four active hives which he is feeding.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Nominating Committee Chairman, Mike Kochanek, past President, announced the following candidates as nominees for offices or positions in PBA:

President: Karen Mitchell

Vice-President: Joe Moran

Treasurer: Terry McFall

Secretary: Joanie Kochanek

Apiary Manager: Jesus Vazquez

Training Coordinator: Robert Jones

Program Coordinator: VACANT (Janet Haney was nominated in October, declined position)

Newsletter Editor: Rachel Payne

SFA Liaison: VACANT (Formerly held by David Gallagher. Rachel will contact him to obtain particulars)

Also vacant is the position of Hospitality Chairman, a volunteer member, who sets up meeting site each month. Marie Kocyan is presently performing this task. Need Volunteer.

By Motion made and seconded, slate of officers was unanimously elected for the 2020 term. Vacant positions will be addressed again at future meetings. Requested that anyone interested to contact a PBA officer.

B. Other Business:

TBA Convention was attended by Terry McFall, Joanie & Mike Kochanek, Scott and Michelle Martin, and Rachel Payne. There were some good seminars and presentations although main speaker for Natural Beekeeping, Les Crowder, did not make it due to traffic problems. Seminars included Best Management Practices, Effects of Miticide Exposure on Hives, panel discussions on varroa treatment, honey showing and judging, medicinal uses of honey and many more. We enjoyed honey judging and honey tasting, as well as a banquet and lively auction.

The Texas Beekeepers Association will hold their Summer Clinic in Denton, TX on 6/20/2020, and the annual TBA Convention in Allen, Texas, 11/5-8/2020.

PBA Christmas Party/Meeting: 12/12/19 at St. Cyprian's 6:30PM PBA will provide a meat. Everyone bring side dish. Bee related or other door prizes welcome.

PBA meeting location may change in 2020, due to Bob Love being unavailable to open church. Will look into Chamber of Commerce Building.

IV. Door Prizes and Adjournment: Several door prizes awarded. Adjourned 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Joanie Kochanek, PBA Secretary