**Montgomery County Beekeepers Association**

**Month Meeting Minutes**

**November 18, 2019**

The Month meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Texas A&M Agri-Life extension office.

Prayer led by: Chuck Sheldon

Pledge of Allegiance: Dan Brouse

In attendance : 81 members and 9 visitors totaling 90 in attendance.

**Officers Report:** Roy Morse stated the starting balance for October 2019 $4794.28 and ending balance of $4644.46.

October minutes were approved.

**Announcements:**  2019 Christmas Party. Connie Billingsly pasted out a sign-up sheet for side dishes and reported that brisket would be served this year. Tammy Snook will not be able to attend the Christmas Party, and Jerry Maxwell will be in charge of the contests and games for this year’s party. Contests this year will be honey tasting, painted hive boxes, and photography. Registration for the contests will be from 5:30 to 6:30, prior to the meal. Connie also asked for volunteers to come set up, and help decorate the tables for the Christmas Party.

**Vendor Announcements:** Julie Norman had several announcements. Please see her website for details.

**Club discussion:** Jerry Maxwell gave a wrap up of the TBA Convention that was held in San Antonio, Texas on November 7-9, 2019. He stated we had several awards presented to members of our club. Doug Stanley won 1st Place in the mead contest, and 3rd Place in wax. Kerri Isacc won 1st Place in black jar honey. The club was presented a $500.00 check from the TBA in reward for all the club participation.

Jerry Maxwell reminded the club that 2020 Board Elections will be held in January. All positions are open.

Wayne Owen Mentor Director presented certificates of graduation to Lorraine Bullard, Vickie Pullen, and Lorraine Romero. He then turned over his directorship to the new Mentor/ Mentee Chairman, Ed Erwin. There will be no December Mentee meeting.

**Program 1:** Steve Jimenez Hives for Heroes Empowering Veterans Through Beekeeping. Following his program, there was a motion from the floor to donated $250.00 to Hives for Heroes to purchase a hive. However during the discussion it was decided to table the motion until the new board can meet. For more information about the group see Info@Hives for Heroes.com. **Refreshment Break:**

**Program 2:** Ed Erwin – Pollinator Photography

Next Meeting Date is: December 16, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by Michael & Nancy Ruttle