



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

GM Meeting Minutes
10/15/20, 6:30 pm
VFW Hall in Gainesville, TX

| Officers in Attendance | | | Other Board Members in Attendance | | |
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| * | President | Jan Hodson | * | Communications | Susan Pritchard |
| * | V. President | Michael Barber | | Hospitality | Melanie Clinton |
| * | Treasurer | Julie Haza | * | Education | Byron Compton |
| * | Secretary | Louann Barfknecht | * | Webmaster | Stacy Branum |
| * | Director at Large | Tim Branam | | | |

Attendance: 25 & 6 via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm at VFW Gainesville, TX & also via Zoom.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Welcome
- Canada developed a test to check for real honey. More than half were disqualified at a contest due to this test being implemented.
- Aug Zoom meeting is on the member's side of the EFBA website.
- We will sell pollen feeders tonight for \$20.
- Hairy Vetch sales will be next month for 5lbs for \$15 & 10lbs for \$25.
- New honey bee license plates are now available for TX plates. \$22. Of the \$30. Will go to THBEA
- TBA conference will be a virtual conference. Info is on the TBA website.
- Sept. Zoom meeting will be posted on EFBA site.

Announcements:

- Will Ayers will be giving his final presentation tonight which will complete his scholarship.

Vice President: Michael Barber

- Speaker for next month is Michael re: Swarm Traps
- Christmas party will be our Dec. meeting. More info to come.
- Scholarship program is for ages 11-18 year olds. The application for this program is on our web site. It is an 18 month program with a mentor for 1 year. The recipient will also receive a hive of bees, free classes, suit & equipment needed for beekeeping. For 2020 we had no one apply that was eligible.
- For Nomination committee, see Michael if interested in serving on a board position.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- Minutes for September minutes were tabled til next month, so they can be mailed out to everyone for viewing.
- Cards were mailed out to the Ayers family & to Dana Moss.
- Request to send a card to Susan.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Welcome to new members.
- Checking acct balance = \$3303.29 Pay Pal = \$51.84 Membership is currently 46
- Julie is currently taking new memberships. Cost is \$25.

Webmaster: Stacy Bynum

- Not in attendance. Info per Tim, please email Stacy if you have problems with the website or if you have any ideas for the website.

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- Not in attendance due to illness.

Education Director: Byron Compton

- Byron Spoke at Muenster HS to promote the scholarship program & Beekeeping in general.
- Byron is currently working on some Educational videos for our regional area to post on the EFBA website. If you have any ideas, please share with Byron.
- Will begin work on coordinating classes for Winter/Spring 2021. Discussion about where to have the classes. More info will be forthcoming.

Hospitality: Melanie Clinton

- Not in attendance.

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- Reminder that for the cost of a membership (\$25.) you can have a mentor for a year. We currently have 6 on the program. This is one of the best benefits of being a member.
- Byron is currently working on the Master Beekeeper program & anyone interested, see Byron. It is online Zoom every other Wed. night. There are meetings for persons wanting info on the Master Beekeeping program. They do modules & testing to help prep you for the exam or just for informational purposes.

Monthly Tips and tools

- Shared via slide presentation by Jan

Blooming Nectar Plants

- Shared via slide presentation by Jan

Speaker and topic

- **Gene Cushion from Grayson County Beekeepers club spoke via Zoom. Gene is an 8 year beekeeper & has never used a harsh chemical on his hives.
Tonights topic: Essential Oils & their applications in the hive. Gene shared a recipe for Wintergreen Pollen Patty which helps to treat & discourage beetles & varroa mites. Gene also shared a recipe for treating bee Nosema. There was a question/answer session at the end of Gene's presentation.**

Next BM Nov 5 6:30 pm

Next GM Nov 19 6 pm Social time, Meeting starts at 6:30 pm at the VFW in Gainesville

Meeting Adjourned: at 9:05