



Elm Fork

Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda, Nov 15, 2018

Mission: To share information and provide education to our members and community about bees and beekeeping. To promote responsible beekeeping practices, through training and education, resulting in effective management of diseases, pests, and other environmental issues.

- **Welcome and Officer reports**
 - **Jan Hodson – President**
 - Board member changes
 - 501c3
 - TBA Conference
 - Ambassador Scholarship program
 - NE TX Beekeepers Conference, Jan 26, Longview, TX
 - Austin Area Beekeepers Seminar, Feb 2, Round Rock, TX
 - **Michael Barber – Vice President**
 - Speakers
 - Monthly speakers/topics (your suggestions needed)
 - Mentor program
 - **Secretary – Louann Barfknecht**
 - **Treasurer – Julie Haza**
 - **Webmaster – Byron Compton**
 - **Hospitality – Melanie and Gary Clinton**
 - **Advisor – Marty Morgan**
- **Need other board members and committees**
 - **Communications**
 - **Mentors**
- **Business**
 - **October Minutes**
 - **Training classes: Rescheduled to Jan 19, Feb 16, March 23**
 - \$100 for all three classes, new sign ups
 - For folks that attended the Sept class: \$10 to repeat the first class, \$80 single, \$140 couple for the Feb and March classes
 - Deadline to register Jan 14, 2019
 - **Members Xmas party this year:**
 - Wear your Xmas party sweaters
 - Club will provide the meat
 - Chinese gift exchange, limit \$10
 - Hive painting contest?
- **Nov Monthly Tips**
 - Check to make sure that paradichlorobenzene (PDB) crystals in stored supers haven't evaporated.

- Install entrance reducers/mouse guards
- Provide a wind break from cold north winds. Consider facing hives to the south. Be sure to tilt hives so rain will not run into the hive.
- Use two deeps or a deep and a medium to over winter. The top box should be full of honey. If the top box does not have at least 35 lbs of honey, feed 2:1 sugar syrup.
- Check the weight of the top box every other week.
- Only go into hives on warm sunny days. Preferably 65 degrees or higher outside temperatures
- Weak hives (fewer than two frames of bees) should be combined with strong hives.
- Colonies should have little or no brood. Treat for varroa if needed.
- Winter is a good time to begin preparing for next year.
- A few currently blooming nectar plants:
 - Bastard Cabbage
 - Asters (several species)
 - Mistflower/Ageratum (Eupatorium greggii)
 - White salvia
 - Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- Handy Tips and Tools:
 - New locking frame lifter
 - Add nails to new frames.
- Door prize drawing (need donations)
- Program: Byron Compton - 30+ Common Beekeeping Problems and Questions.
- Meeting Close

Next meeting: December 20th Member's Holiday Party, 6 pm setup, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Native plant Books:

- Range Plants of North Central Texas – Ricky Linex
- Wildflowers of Texas – Geyata Ajilvsgi
- Texas Wildflowers – Campbell and Loughmiller
- Texas Range Plants – Stephan Hatch and Jennifer Plubar
- Remarkable Plants of Texas – Matt Warnock Turner
- Native Texas Plants Landscaping Region by Region – Sally and Andy Wasowski
- Illustrated Flora of North Central Texas - BRIT

Website:

elmforkbeekeepers.org

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