



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19, 2024

Location: NCTC, Gainesville, TX

Officers	Attend	Other Board Members	Attend
President: Tim Branam	Y	Communications: Gavin Hutchins	N
Vice President: Stan Brandon	Y	Director at Large: Tim Magee	Y
Treasurer: Kim Lester	Y	Education Director: Byron Compton	Y
Secretary: Connie Hutchins	Y	Hospitality: Brandy Bonn	Y

Time: 6:32 PM

Attendance:

President, **Tim B.**

- talked about conventions : TBA in Nov and the Nort American Bee Expo in Ky on 02 Jan 2025
- The Christmas party will be on 19 Dec no location as of yet.
- Board meetings are open to entire club.

VP, **Stan Brandon**

- talked about elections one vacancy currently, the VP position but any position is open
- Names will be discussed next month for those interested in running for a board position.

Treasurer, **Kim Lester**

- Bank - \$1313.93
- Pay Pal - \$480.80
- Total \$1794.73
- Total members : 82

Lily Mask (scholarship awardee): presented a short essay on her time as a beekeeper and what she has learned

Addison (Scholarship awardee): also presented a recap of her time and what she has learned

Begin Q&A session with club members

Discussed 1 box or 2 over the winter

Briefly discussed feeding over the winter and then tabled the discussion as that will be the top for October along with wintering bees over the winter

Varoa tend to group/congregate according to a study ready by Tim B.

Had a wax moth discussion and it was mentioned that Xentari can go in an active hive

Tim B. suggested using Google to look for articles and watching youtube videos from MACBEE Buzzing as well as U of Guelph (Paul Kelly).

Laying worker discussion, multiple eggs within a cell; worker bees usually lay eggs on the sides of the cell as their abdomen cannot fully enter the entire cell.

-look for eggs not just larvae when inspecting hives

-you can combine a laying worker hive with a strong hive, the Queen pheromone will override the worker bee pheromone.

Hives with all drone brood is the last signal of a laying worker

Learn to find the queen, you find her on a frame, flip the frame over and count to 5 and then flip it back and try and locate the queen until you feel comfortable...Keep practicing.

*****Two club members need name tags: Teresa Arnold and Sharon Gillum**