



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

Officers in Attendance			Other Board Members in Attendance		
*	President	Jan Hodson		Communications	
*	V. President	Michael Barber	*	Hospitality	Melanie & Gary Clinton
*	Treasurer	Julie Haza	*	Webmaster	Byron Compton
*	Secretary	Louann Barfknecht		Advisor	Marty Morgan

Attendance: 7. Guest Susan Pritchard was in attendance

Executive Board Meeting October 3, 2019

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm at Cooke Co. Extension Office.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- TBA table center piece contest – These will be auctioned off at the conference in San Antonio. EFBA is asking for a volunteer to make a centerpiece for this event. EFBA voted on & approved an expense of \$100 for supplies for the centerpiece.
- Beekeeping classes are scheduled for 1/25, 2/22 & 3/28/2020 all to be held at NCTC in Gainesville. Cost of all 3 classes will be \$100. (non-refundable). To include lunch, snacks, class books & materials. Info will be put on the EFBA web site.
- Agenda printouts – discussion re: whether to continue printing out forms for meetings or not. Jan will bring this up at the next GM.

Vice President: Michael Barber

- Speaker for October GM will be Jan, Byron & possibly another person, subject: Getting Ready for Wintering Hives. Possible Panel discussion with a question/answer session if time allows. Oct & Nov speakers will be Misty Appling & Mary Benton re: bee sting therapy & sting allergies.
- Mentor Program- In progress, received a couple new applicants. Both have been assigned to a Mentor.
- Nominations Committee for next year Board nomination/election process. The following members have volunteered for this committee: Susan Pritchard, Dana Moss & Teresa Sampsell. They are working on any interest in nominees for the elected positions of Board members: President, Vice Pres & Secretary positions. Need a slate of candidates by October's General meeting. Form will be placed on the EFBA web-site & FB. A flier will be produced & distributed. Currently Susan announced no one has shown interest in being nominated as a candidate for 2020 election.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- Approval of September BM minutes was presented for approval. With a few noted changes made to the minutes, they were approved by the board by vote.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Julie reported the checking account for EFBA currently has a balance of \$2002.76 in checking account as of 10/3/19.
- Current EFBA membership for membership is 48 + 2 new members to be processed as of today. Membership renewals are now due. Cost is \$25 per member.
- Julie has sent an email to last year members who have not renewed their membership as yet.

Webmaster – Byron Compton

- Articles for Honey Bee related topics have been posted on the EFBA website as well as the class info for 2020. Byron has also sent the 2020 class info to other bee sites that may be interested.
- Membership data info is current with the exception of 2 new members to be processed.
- A Contact list for the public for swarms, bee wranglers, etc will be added to the web site.
- Work on Board Member Training info.

Hospitality: Melanie & Gary Clinton

- Gary announced that they buy organic coffee beans & grinds them for our meetings & provides healthy snacks for the most part. Our Thanks for his & Melanie's consideration in doing this!

Communications:

- Susan Pritchard announced that she will volunteer for this position. The EFBA board had a 1st, 2nd & approval via board member vote for Susan to fill this position. Thanks to Susan! She also announced that there may be several members that may help her with various specific club related activities.
- Susan has asked the Board members to send an email to her with 3 specific needs requests, to help specify the club needs and/or any help with current board member jobs.
- Discussion about club newsletter (6 per year are required). Susan will be doing this.
- Susan will send info about 2020 beekeeping classes to local radio & newspaper, etc for advertising purposes.
- Sign up & info about the club Christmas Party will be available at the October GM.

Advisor: Marty Morgan

Business:

- Bee wrangler contract examples, Removal contract examples. (tabled for now)
- Landmark Bank employee gift of honey was discussed. Byron & Michael will donate jars, labels & honey for this. Need 12.

- **Pollen Feeders- Discussed as a fundraiser for EFBA & decided we will be doing this again this year & orders will be taken for the purchase of these.**
- **Vetch Seed – Discussion about doing this as a club fundraiser. The Vetch seed can be purchased from Lucas Hartman & is available for club purchase. After discussion, the board voted & approved the purchase of 200 lbs at a cost of \$75 per 50 lbs of seed to use for this fundraiser.**
The EFBA will take orders and offer purchase of 1 lb, 3 lb , 5 lb & 10 lb bags. The price as follows: 1 lb- \$3, 3 lb - \$8, 5 lb- \$12, 10lb- \$20.
- **Possible donations to the club from Home Depot, McCoy's etc was discussed for projects & next year Scholarship recipients. Susan will be checking on this.**
- **How club will handle donations of sponsorships of scholarship program & How to formalize our announcement facebook page through Robby & Susan topics were tabled for now due to time constraint of meeting.**

Notes:

- **Next BM will be Nov 7, 2019. The next GM will be October 17, 2019**

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10 pm