



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda: March 19, 2020

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.

- **Officer reports**
 - **President – Jan Hodson**
 - **Swarm Traps**
 - **Contact lists for the public (ie swarms, bee wranglers, bee placement, etc)**
 - **Master Beekeeper Study Group**
 - **TBA Conferences**
 - **June 20th , Denton Conference Center, November 12-14, Allen**
 - **Volunteering at conference**
 - **We will have a table at the Denton conference**
 - **Vice President – Michael Barber**
 - **Speakers**
 - **Mentor Program**
 - **Secretary – Louann Barfknecht**
 - **Treasurer – Julie Haza**

○ Checking-Simmons	\$3,583.64
○ Checking-Paypal	77.60
○ Total Cash	\$3,661.24
○ Members	67
○ Members-Students	2
○ Total Members	69 !!!!!
- **Webmaster – Byron Compton**
- **Communications - Susan Pritchard**
- **Director at Large – Tim Branam**
 - **Survey**
- **Hospitality – Melanie and Gary Clinton (not present)**
- **A few blooming nectar plants:**
 - **Redbud**
 - **Peach**
 - **Spring beauty**
 - **Field Madder**
 - **Bastard Cabbage**

- Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- **March Monthly Tips**
 - First comprehensive inspection of the year, clean hives on a calm day when temp is above 55° Remove burr comb and excess propolis on frames and boxes. Clean up any dead colonies. You can use bleach water to disinfect boxes and frames.
 - Replace old or damaged frames. Frames over 3-4 years should be replaced.
 - Check honey and pollen stores. Feed syrup and pollen if needed for colony buildup.
 - March brood becomes April forage bees.
 - Order bees/queens if you haven't already.
 - Plan for splits to avoid swarms. Start making splits using new queens at the end of the month or early April.
 - Nectar and pollen flow will start soon. Check quantity of brood and brood pattern. Add a super if brood is congested.
 - Test for Varroa and look for other disease and pest problems, treat if needed before adding honey supers.
 - Prepare equipment for new hives and supers for existing hives. Air out any wax that was stored with PDB before using
- **Tips and Tools**
 - Dealing with the IRS
- **Door prize drawing**
- **Meeting Close**

Next meeting: April 16, 6:30 pm, Simmons (Landmark) Bank

Website: elmforkbeekeepers.org

Amazon Smile: EFBA charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1883488>

Board Meetings: Members are always welcome at our board meetings. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month from 3-5pm at the extension office 301 S. Chestnut, Gainesville.

Advocacy Prohibition: The EFBA mission is to be an educational association. No part of the activities of EFBA shall be devoted to advocacy, lobbying, politically or privately promoting issues, agendas, or businesses or personal endeavors, by propaganda or otherwise, using the EFBA name or themselves as a EFBA member.