

GM Meeting Minutes
 January 16, 6:30 pm
 Landmark Bank
 1112 E California St, Gainesville, TX



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

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

Attendance: 40

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm at the Landmark Bank.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

Announcements:

- TBA Conferences will be June 13 in Denton & November 12-14 in Allen.
- Central TX Beekeepers Assoc 12 annual Beekeeping school will offer EFBA 1 free admission to the school. To be held at Brenham high school. On Saturday March 21. Registration at 7 am, classes will be from 8 am to 5 pm with lunch provided. To learn more about the school contact <http://centraltexasbeekeepers.org/school2020.html>
- Marty Morgan is no longer with Cooke County AG extension office & has transferred to Wise County. The Cooke County AG office will be in transition as someone will be hired to fill the position at the Gainesville office.
- EPA is proposing to register a pesticide product that contains *Bacillus thuringiensis*, subsp. Auzawai strain ABTS 1857 (Bta ABTS 1857) to prevent & control wax moths in beehives. This product offers beekeepers a new tool against destructive wax moth larvae. EPA has opened a 15 day public comment period on this proposed registration. Comments are due on or before January 24, 2020. The risk assessments & other documents supporting this decision can be found on Regulations.gov in Docket# EPA-HQ-Qpp-2019-0247.
- Last chance to register for classes: Scheduled as follows: Jan 25, Feb 22 & March 28 2020, \$100. Includes snacks, lunch & books.
- Fundraising Discussed & will include:
 Pollen Feeders for \$20 (4 left)

Vice President: Michael Barber

- **Speakers:** Tonight is the Texas Honey Bee Queen, Virginia Allen. Subject is TBA program overview & bee acronyms. Feb speaker will be Lisa Dittfurth re: creamed honey & March speakers will be an open forum with possible topic to be Queen rearing.
- **Mentor Program** – Received a couple new requests for the EFBA Mentor program. These have currently been assigned to a mentor.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- No December minutes due to Christmas party
- November Minutes were presented & approved.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Checking account currently is at \$3,397.74 & \$20. In PayPal
- Membership is 57
- **2019 Bookkeeping:** Julie is asking for 2 persons to look over last years books for volunteer audit. Susan has volunteered for this. Would still like to have 1 more person.

Webmaster: Byron Compton

- Out of town

Hospitality: Melanie Clinton

- Thanks for help with tonights goodies!

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- Need someone to do announcement page on the clubs Facebook page. We have 2 FB pages, 1 is for members only & 1 for public.
- Need volunteers to work table for club at events.

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- Survey – handed out at the meeting for members at large in an effort to access the needs of the club. Info from this survey will be forthcoming.

Monthly Tips and tools: were discussed & shown on video equipment

Speaker and topic: listed above

Next GM Feb 20, 2020 6 pm social, meeting to start at 6:30

Next BM Feb 6, 2020 3 pm at Landmark Bank Gainesville, TX

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm