



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

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.

April 07, 2022

- **Officers reports**
 - **President - Jan Hodson**
 - **Article request from Extension agent –Tanah Lowe**
 - **Swarm/cutout list**
 - **I have a draft on Swarms**
 - **May need to put together more detail on cutouts**
 - **Outyard contact info and contact list in progress**
 - **Planning retreat Action Items:**
 - **Move monthly tips and blooms to announcements (possibly website & facebook)**
 - **Has been added to announcements.**
 - **Is being added to website.**
 - **Hive Talk: Add time to have open floor questions and answers,**
 - **Seems to be working out well!**
 - **Content: on point, brief, to point, to much, to long**
 - **Timing is improving.**
 - **Cut meeting time to 1.5 hours, 10min break**
 - **Timing is improving.**
 - **Need better facebook, Connie has volunteered to take the lead. Justin Hartman is the current manager.**
 - **Progress?**
 - **I'm seeing a few more posts lately**
 - **More content on Website (how much activity do we have?)**
 - **Activity is higher on public side 247 visits, 945 new.**
 - **Very low on member side. Need more content to attract members?**
 - **Can Stacy train other board members to put content on the website?**
 - **Stacy has completed a training document.**
 - **Look into new meeting location.**
 - **Possible LDS Church – try for board meeting first**
 - **Jan to schedule MSCC for Aug extraction party.**
 - **Scheduled for Aug 20, MSCC is asking for \$100**
 - **Will we have Xmas party this year?**
 - **Tabled until we see if meeting attendance improves.**
 - **Vice President – Stan Brandon**
 - **Speakers/ Programs**
 - **Brief bio for speakers; try to have for announcements, FB and Website**
 - **Do we need to increase honorarium?**

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- **Meeting Topics for 2022:**
 - **Jan: Cross-Timbers Ecosystem, Jan Hodson**
 - **Feb: Coming out of Winter, Stan Brandon**
 - **Mar: Swarm Prevention/Swarm Traps, (Swap with April)**
 - **April: Supering/cut comb honey,**
 - **May: Dealing with heat,**
 - **June: Pest control strategies (SHB and Varroa),**
 - **July: Queen rearing/replacement,**
 - **August: Products from the hive,**
 - **Sept: Getting ready for Winter,**
 - **Oct: ?, Nov: ?**
- **Secretary – Connie Hutchins**
 - **March BM Minutes**
- **Treasurer – Julie Haza**
 - **Reports**
 - **Membership**
 - **990N due?**
- **Communications – Gavin not attending**
- **Hospitality – Jan**
 - **Need to get more door prizes**
- **Education Coordinator – Byron Compton**
 - **Scholarship – Keldyn Lehner, Owen Bloomer - Send to Conference?**
 - **2022 classes**
 - **Went well, got out on time, NCTC coordination much much better**
 - **We need to develop handout checklists**
 - **Detailed topic outline**
 - **Add Instructors?**
- **Webmaster – Stacy Branam**
 - **Calendar?**
 - **Class for Connie and Jan**
- **Director at Large – Tim Branam**
 - **Mentor program**
- **New Business**

Notes: New quartermaster for VFW is Ken McColly, cell: 940-727-9244, hughestone1922@ntin.net

New Extension agent –Tanah Lowe (admin: Leslie Kittrell)