



GM Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021 6:30 pm

VFW Hall, 3332 North Grand Ave,
Gainesville, TX

Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

Officers in Attendance			Other Board Members in Attendance		
✓	President	Jan Hodson		Communications	Susan Pritchard
✓	V. President	Stan Brandon	✓	Hospitality	Melanie Clinton
✓	Treasurer	Julie Haza (zoom)	✓	Education Director	Byron Compton
✓	Secretary	Connie Hutchins		Webmaster	Stacy Branam
✓	Director at Large	Tim Branam			

Attendance: 29 plus 3 on zoom.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm at the VFW, Gainesville.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Rebecca Vaughn from the TBA will be speaking later.
- \$1000 Scholarship grant was received from the TBA and the money spent for Keldyn (scholarship recipient).
- It is recommended to new beekeepers to have at least 2 hives to begin with in order to compare hives as the learning process proceeds. In accordance with our recommendation and with the grant money, 2 complete hives have been ordered along with equipment necessary to manage the hives.

Announcements:

- Please sign up for Amazon smile to benefit the club. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1883488>. The link can also be found on the homepage of our website.
- Jan gets lots of calls about placing bees, bee wrangling, swarms, and cutouts. If you are interested in doing any of these things, please contact Jan. JanRHodson@gmail.com or president.elmfork@gmail.com

Vice President: Stan Brandon

- Justin Hartman Speaking tonight.
- Lisa Bellows will be speaking on May about plants and flowers that bees love.
- Working on lining up future presentations.

Secretary: Connie Hutchins

- Minutes for March's meeting were emailed.
- Melanie Clinton made a motion to approve, Dana Moss seconded, and the minutes were approved by all in attendance.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- **BANK ACCOUNTS**

- Simmons \$ 5,310.83
- PayPal 229.31
- Total Cash \$5,540.14

- NOTE: \$1,000 of this cash consists of a grant and is to be spent on student scholarship.

- **MEMBERSHIP**

- Paid members 66
- Keldyn 1
- Total 67

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- Not in attendance

Education Director: Byron Compton

- Beginning master beekeeping classes starting in a couple of weeks. It will be on Zoom every two weeks. Look for email from Jan.
- A couple of weeks after the beginning class starts the advance class will get started.
- Final Beekeeping class will be on Saturday the 17th.

Webmaster: Stacy Branam

- Tim reported on behalf of Stacy. No problems with site reported. Please let Stacy know if you have any issues.

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- Survey results will be shared next month.
- 2 new applications for mentors were turned in tonight.

Hospitality: Melanie Clinton

- Melanie wants everyone to know to be sure to ask questions of anyone on the board or the person you are sitting next to.
- Bee classes are very valuable, if you have not taken them be sure to sign up for next year.

Monthly Tips and tools

- April tips were presented. (** Monthly tasks can also be found on the website under the Resources tab)
- Plants in bloom now or will be shortly in April were presented.

- Handy Tip: Old laundry soap bottles, ***well cleaned***, make great syrup dispensers for filling your feeders.
- Members are always welcome to attend the board meetings via zoom or in person at Jan's home. The zoom link can be found on the website and if you wish to come in person, contact Jan.

Speaker and topic

Rebecca Vaughn:

- The benefits the EFBA club receives by being a member as well as our individual benefits.
- The first year membership is free for new members of EFBA.
- The legislative committee including past successes and future items on the agenda.
- Also spoke about THBEA (Texas Honeybee Education Association) and Real Texas Honey.
- ** More information can be found on their website at <https://texasbeekeepers.org/>

Justin Hartman:

- Justin presented a great overview of Queen Rearing and the reasons bees will create a queen.
- There are many resources online, especially YouTube.
- ** Look for the recording to be up on our website soon.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45

*** Items marked with the asterisks are added notes with additional information for convenience.*