



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

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

Attendance: 20 Total with 6 Board Members

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm at the Landmark Bank.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Jan attended the TBA conference this month & shared some great info.
- EFBA 501c3 application has been filed. The IRS wants additional information which will be supplied to them.
- TBS will donate an observation hive to the club.
- The Ambassador Scholarship is in developmental stage & more info will be coming soon. This will be a program for a student (application & selection process) to help further Beekeeping education.
- NE TX Beekeepers Conference will be Jan 26th, 2019 in Longview, TX
- Austin Area Beekeepers will host a seminar on Feb. 2, 2019 in Round Rock, TX

Vice President: Michael Barber

- There is a sign-up sheet available for anyone wanting to participate in the Mentor Program at the meetings.
- The EFBA Christmas party is Dec. 20. There is a sign-up sheet at the meeting for food to bring. The club will provide meat for party.
- Byron Compton was our speaker tonight. Michael will be speaking in an upcoming meeting. Speakers & suggestions needed for upcoming meetings, see Michael.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- All Minutes are current & have been either posted on the EFBA web site, or awaiting approval prior to posting.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Current EFBA membership is 25, current bank balance is \$226.24 & \$0 in Pay Pal.

Webmaster: Byron Compton

- There is a membership page on the EFBA website. Email, call or text Byron if anyone has problems getting into the members forum area or the website in general.

Hospitality: Melanie & Gary Clinton

- Volunteers requested to stay after & help with the clean-up after the Christmas party.
- Volunteers needed to help provide snacks, cookies, drinks, etc for the general meetings. See Melanie or Gary if you can help with this.

Advisor: Marty Morgan

- Not in attendance

Announcements:

- Wear your festive Christmas or ugly sweater to the party on December 20th. There will be a Chinese gift exchange \$10 limit & perhaps a hive painting contest. Party is for members & their families. Bring a dish, club will provide the meat.

Business:

- October minutes- Motion to approve by Sheldon, 2nd by Clinton & passed by vote .
- Training classes are scheduled for Jan 19, February 16, and March 23, 2019. \$100. For all 3 classes or if you attended first class already & want a refresher the first class is \$10, \$80 for single for next 2 classes or \$140 for a couple for the Feb. & March classes. Deadline to register is January 14, 2019

Monthly Tips and tools

Tips & info on some great new tools were provided at the meeting & on the Agenda, as well as info on current blooming nectar plants.

Speaker and topic

Byron Compton was our speaker for this month & his topic was "30 + Common Beekeeping Problems and Questions". Great info Byron, Thank you for sharing your knowledge.

Door Prize Drawings – If you have prizes to contribute (needed) please see Jan.

EFBA website: elmforkbeekeepers.org

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:40 PM