



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: 5

Executive Board Meeting, Mar 5, 2020

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm at Cooke Co. Extension Office.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Working on info to send to Cooke County Appraisal office re: bee requirements for AG exemption for residents. The board had no additional comments.
- Will have an announcement about placing swarm traps on private property at the next meeting.
- Julie will have a brief talk about IRS tips for the tips and tools segment of the meeting.
- Scheduling meeting space (March – April currently scheduled). We will start the meeting early for the newbees. Byron will have a 30-45 minute discussion on bee biology starting at 5:30 pm.
- TBA conferences: June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Denton conference center & Nov 12-14 in Allen. Susan reported that Home depot doesn't give discounts to 501c3 organizations. They might give us a Gift card in the future.

Vice President: Michael Barber

- Speakers scheduled thus far: March – Forum on Queen Rearing, Jan, Justin, and Michael  
 April – Splits and swarm prevention
- Scholarships – Our scholarship boys have a last report to do to complete their scholarship requirements. Suggestion to give out completion/ownership certificates to the boys. Tim volunteered to do the certificates. Byron to talk to Jonathan and Will about final presentation.
- Mentor Program – Stan Brandon was approved as a new mentor. Michael also suggested we hand out certificates to people completing a year of being mentored. Tim volunteered to

make the certificates. Byron will make new badges to add Mentor to name badges for volunteers. Jan will mentor John Patrick, she will ask Mark Young if he would like to help.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht unable to attend, Jan taking notes

- February BM minutes. Julie motion, Mike seconded, approved via vote.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

Due to the Simmons Bank switch over Julie has been unable to access the account online to get a statement. Julie will email the report once she is able to login.

Report sent 3/15: Checking-Simmons Bank	\$3,583.64
Checking-Paypal	77.60
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Total Cash	\$3,661.24
Members	67
Members-Students	2
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Total Members	69

Webmaster: Byron Compton

We discussed the possibility of hiring an outside contractor to build the website. Also, the possibility of switching host sites or purchasing software to make the website easier to update and manage. Byron to look into the possibilities.

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- Not in Attendance

Hospitality: Melanie and Gary Clinton

- Not in Attendance

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- Discussion about Greg Burchett & his expressed interest in possible EFBA club involvement & the suggestion of a study group as an extension of the EFBA club for persons interested in the Master Beekeeper program. Byron to talk about Master Beekeeper program at the next general meeting.
- Tim to produce a survey form for the beekeeping class.

Meeting Adjourned: at 5:00