

GM Meeting Minutes

May 20, 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: 19

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm at the VFW, Gainesville.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Welcome
- Jan shared the mission statement for the EFBA: 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.
- EFBA is an educational organization and a 501c3 non-profit and as such is not allowed to lobby, advocate, or promote any political or private issues or businesses.
- The TBA is not a charity. They are able to and do lobby political causes and promote businesses.
- THBEA is also a charity and any donations can be claimed for personal income taxes.
- Funding for the EFBA comes from
 - Monthly dues
 - Classes
 - Pollen Feeders
 - Vetch
 - Amazon smile (please sign up for Amazon smile to help the club)
- EFBA spending includes
 - Meeting locations
 - Speakers
 - Door Prizes
 - Hospitality
 - TBA membership
 - Printing, postage, and misc. office supplies

- Classes for 2021 are complete. Main complaints about the class were the desire to visit an apiary and the facilities for 2021.
- Jan shared an interesting article about pollen; pollen has less nitrogen than 100 years ago resulting in queens not living as long.

Vice President: Stan Brandon

- Lisa Bellows Speaking tonight on plants and flowers that bees love.
- Still working on lining up speaker for June
- July's meeting will include a panel discussion on varroa mites

Secretary: Connie Hutchins

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

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- **BANK ACCOUNTS**
 - Simmons \$ 4,653.34
 - PayPal \$81.15
 - Total Cash \$4734.49
- **MEMBERSHIP**
 - Paid members 66
 - Keldyn 1
 - Total 67
- Memberships expire June 30. You can pay online or pay Julie directly at the club meeting.

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- Susan is looking for a replacement for the Communications Director.
- The duties include:
 - developing and sending a newsletter every other month
 - sending meeting notifications each month
 - attending board meetings
 - time involved is approximately 8 hrs per month
 - Need to be computer literate
- Anyone who is interested can contact Susan or Jan

Education Director: Byron Compton

- Beginning master beekeeping classes will begin the 2nd Thursday in July and will be held monthly. There will be 4 sessions. The advanced classes will start the fourth Thursday in July.
- The exams for the master beekeepers is held in November in Galveston, ran by the TAIS, and it is not yet know whether there will be an online option.

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- Any new members desiring a mentor should contact Tim.

Hospitality: Melanie Clinton

- Melanie began a discussion about various avenues to get youth and students involved in beekeeping.

Monthly Tips and tools

- May tips were presented. (** Monthly tasks can also be found on the website under the Resources tab)
- Handy Tip: Have NUC boxes on hand for splits.
- Plants in bloom now or will be shortly in May were presented.
- Next board meeting is June 3 at 6:30 PM. 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**Lisa Bellows:**

- Lisa had a wonderful presentation on plants and introduced us to the idea of chaos gardening.
- For more information and a great resource for plant information, look up the Ladybird Johnson online library and the Noble foundation online
- ** Look for the recording to be up on our website soon.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50

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