GM Meeting Minutes

July 16, 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

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		*	Education Coordinator	Byron Compton
*	Webmaster	Stacy Branam		*	Director At Large	Tim Branum

Attendance: 22 Guests:

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm via Zoom (Internet).

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- **Justin Hartman has taken the lead on handling our facebook accounts. Thank You Justin!**
- **TBA conference still scheduled for Nov 5-7 in Allen, TX. More info to be forthcoming.**
- **We are working on a Honey recipe section to be added to our web site. If you have a recipe using honey you like, send it to Jan or Stacy.**
- **Extraction Party scheduled for August 22, 3 pm at the Mountain Springs Comm Ctr. Jan has a list of items you need to bring to send out to everyone. Tex Mex food to be served & pot luck for the sides & desserts. Looking for suggestions on music or entertainment.**
- **If you have a subject you are interested in for speakers at monthly meetings, let Jan know.**
- **Honey recipes for the website- discussion. If you have any good recipes to share, let us know.**
- **Memberships are due now, $25. Can be mailed to: EFBA 301 S. Chestnut Gainesville, TX 76240 or you can pay online via paypal. If you pay via paypal there is an additional $2. Fee to cover paypal charge.**
- **Speaker for next month will be Steven Coy from Coy Bees.**
- **Scholarship qualifications: `11-18 years of age & live in local areas. Application & info is on the EFBA website.**
- **Jonathan gave his final presentation re: his beekeeping experiences throughout the last 18 months. Good Job Jonathan!**
- **Jan had a question asked about hands on the bee hive experience in the classes EFBA provided. Due to difficulty in doing this, expense for suits, etc., this is not currently offered in the classes. However our EFBA members are offered a free Mentor program for new beekeepers.**

Vice President: Michael Barber

- **Not present**

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- **June minutes were approved.**
- **Note: There are no minutes for March-May 2020 as all face to face meetings were cancelled. PowerPoint Programs were emailed monthly to members.**

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- **Announced current checking balance is $3187.15 , Paypal $177.44 for a total of $3364.56. Current membership is 20.**
- **Reminder: to be in the Mentor program, you must be a member.**

Education Coordinator: Byron Compton

- **Byron will chair the TX Master Beekeeper study group. If you are interested contact Byron. He will be scheduling upcoming meetings.**
- **Continuing work on Education programs/videos for the club.**

Hospitality: Melanie Clinton

- **Not in Attendance. Dana will do hospitality at the Aug. Extraction party.**

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- **Tim has taken over the Mentor Program. Anyone interested, please sign up.**
- **Bee Angel program: developed as a temporary help to anyone needing assistance with hives due to illness or other reasons. Contact Tim if you need help, or if you would like to volunteer to assist in this program.**

Web master: Stacy Branum

- **Web site content is being added. Sign up as a member in the member section. Allows you to view contact page, membership has benefits of mentor program & other education benefits.**

<u>Blooming Plants & Nectar-</u> shared at the meeting

<u>Monthly Tips and tools –</u> shared at the meeting

Question & Answer session - shared at the meeting. Good information re: propolis uses, pollen uses, pasture planting & more.

<u>Speaker and topic</u>

- **Byron gave a presentation on Harvest your honey, the flow if over & your supers are full!**

Next General Meeting: Aug 20 6:30 via Zoom. Next Board Meeting: August 6 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Adjourned: 8 pm