



# Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

**Mission: 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.**

**May 05, 2022**

- **Officers reports**
  - **President - Jan Hodson**
    - **Article request from Extension agent, she has not sent it out yet**
    - **Swarm/cutout list**
      - **I have a draft on Swarms**
      - **Need to put together more detail on cutouts**
      - **Can we get copies of Kim's hand outs?**
    - **Drawing for conference ticket(s)**
    - **Outyard contact info and contact list in progress**
    - **Planning retreat Action Items:**
      - **Move monthly tips and blooms to announcements (possibly website & Facebook)**
        - **Completed**
      - **Hive Talk: Add time to have open floor questions and answers,**
        - **Seems to be working out well!**
      - **Content: on point, brief, to point, to much, to long**
        - **Timing is improving.**
      - **Cut meeting time to 1.5 hours, 10min break**
        - **Timing is improving.**
      - **Need better Facebook, Connie has volunteered to take the lead. Justin Hartman is the current manager.**
        - **Getting Better!**
      - **More content on Website (how much activity do we have?)**
        - **Activity is higher on public side 247 visits, 945 new.**
        - **Very low on member side. Need more content to attract members?**
        - **Can Stacy train other board members to put content on the website?**
          - **Stacy has completed a training document.**
      - **Look into new meeting location.**
        - **Using LDS Church – for board meeting**
        - **Working with VFW to improve relationship.**
        - **Have we got a menu?**
        - **Storage at VFW**
      - **Jan to schedule MSCC for Aug extraction party.**
        - **Scheduled for Aug 20, MSCC is asking for \$100**
      - **Will we have Xmas party this year?**
        - **Tabled until we see if meeting attendance improves.**
  - **Vice President – Stan Brandon**

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- **Speakers/ Programs**
  - Brief bio for speakers; try to have for announcements, FB and Website
  - Meeting Topics for 2022:
    - May: Dealing with heat, in the hive: venting, building screen IC, keeping yourself from overheating
    - June: Pest control strategies (SHB and Varroa), Donny John
    - July: Queen rearing/replacement, Stan Brandon
    - August: Products from the hive, Byron and Lisa Compton
    - Sept: Getting ready for Winter,
    - Oct: ?, Nov: ?
- Secretary – Connie Hutchins
  - April BM Minutes
- Treasurer – Julie Haza
  - Reports
  - Membership
  - 990N
- Communications – Gavin Hutchins
- Hospitality – Jan
  - Need to get more door prizes: I picked up beetle sheets, ordered more brushes, hive tools, and beetle traps.
- Education Coordinator – Byron Compton
  - Scholarship – Keldyn Lehner, Owen Bloomer
    - Boys are not showing up in time to sign in guests or help setup. Owen has missed last 2 meetings.
    - TBA Ambassador
    - Is application form on website up to date?
- Webmaster – Stacy Branam
- Director at Large – Tim Branam
  - Mentor program
- New Business

Notes: New quartermaster for VFW is Ken McColly, cell: 940-727-9244, [hughestone1922@ntin.net](mailto:hughestone1922@ntin.net)

New Extension agent –Tanah Lowe (admin: Leslie Kittrell)