

GM Meeting Minutes  
 9/17/2020, 6:30 pm  
 Zoom meeting via Internet



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	*	Education	Byron Compton
*	Secretary	Louann Barfknecht	*	Webmaster	Stacy Branum
*	Director at Large	Tim Branam			

Attendance:   17   Guests:   -  

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm via Zoom (Internet).

**Officers Reports:**

**President: Jan Hodson**

**Announcements:**

- Starting in October, the GM will be held at the VFW hall located at 3332 N. Grand Ave in Gainesville.
- The Aug Zoom meeting is posted on the web site on the members button
- Will sell Pollen feeders & Hairy Vetch seed as a fundraiser & as a convenience hopefully in Oct.
- Bee license plates now available for \$30. Check it out on the web.
- Extraction party went well, had lots of good food & a lot of honey was extracted.
- EFBA web site now has honey recipe section. Would like more recipes to add, if you have one send it to: [webmaster.elmfork@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.elmfork@gmail.com)
- Yearly dues are now past due.

**Vice President: Michael Barber**

- Speakers as follows: Oct: Gene Cushing. November is TBA
- Scholarship: Susan is working on local organizations & schools to promote interest in this program.
- Need nomination for officer election for offices of President, Vice Pres, Secretary & Treasurer. All other positions are appointed. Need Committee of 3 for this to look for anyone interested in serving as a new board members. See Michael if interested. By Laws are posted on the web site that describe the process & positions. The Board can run background checks on applicants at their discretion.

**Secretary: Louann Barfknecht**

- Minutes for July & August were presented for approval. Minutes were approved via vote.

- Request that Louann send out Sympathy card to Ayers family.

**Treasurer: Julie Haza**

- Checking acct balance \$3598.02 PayPal was 0 as it was transferred to the bank balance.
- Membership currently at 43
- Julie will send out reminders via email to renew memberships for persons that have not renewed as yet.
- Reminder: For Mentorship program you must be a member.

**Communications: Susan Pritchard:**

- Reported she has not received a lot of response from teachers on Scholarship program. Please contact Susan if you have a contact at the local schools or any organizations that might be interested.

**Webmaster: Byron Compton**

- Collinsville High & Muenster High schools have reached out for information re: Scholarship program thanks to Susan!
- Byron held a speaking program at Muenster HS & had a presentation on Bees & the Scholarship program. Byron will try to do a follow-up presentation to generate interest.

**Hospitality: Melanie Clinton**

- Not in attendance

**Director at Large: Tim Branam**

- Reminder: we do have a Mentorship program – for interest see Tim.
- Bee Angels program is also available if temporary help is needed.

**Monthly Tips and tools: presented at the meeting via slide presentation**

**Speaker and topic - Jan was this month speaker RE: Roger Farris power point slides on Successfully overwintering your bees.**

**October meetings:**

**Board meeting: October 1 6:30 pm via Zoom**

**General meeting: October 15 6:30 at the VFW in Gainesville Social time starts at 6 pm**

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:17 pm