



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

Officers in Attendance			Other Board Members in Attendance		
√	President	Jan Hodson		Communications	
√	V. President	Pat c de Baca		Hospitality	
√	Treasurer	Julie Haza		Webmaster	
√	Secretary	Barbara Henderson	√	Advisor	Marty Morgan

Attendance: 28

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Jan Hodson.

- **Old Business:**
 - **President - Jan Hodson**
 - **Vice President - Pat C de Baca**
 - **New Secretary – Barbara L. Henderson**
 - **New Treasurer – Julie Haza**
 - **TBA Membership - Complete**
 - **EIN - Complete**
- **Need other board members and committees**
 - **Communications**
 - **Webmaster**
 - **Hospitality**
- **VP report:** Monthly Speaker for June: Abby Pettibon, TBA Honey Queen. Pat is working on getting speaker for July from Noble Foundation.
- **Treasurers Report:** Will be given at next meeting.
- **Secretary Report:** Will also be given at next meeting
- **New Business**
 - **Hold the dates: Training Classes (Saturday Sept 15 - Basic Beekeeping, Oct 20 - Hive Management, Nov 17). Classes will be held at NCTC in Gainesville.**
 - **After the classes we will start a Mentor program**
- **May Monthly Tips**
 - **Check for swarm and supersedure cells**
 - **Install new packages, nucs, or make splits**

- Replace non performing/old queens
 - Check honey, pollen and brood pattern
 - Add box if brood is congested
 - Reverse hive bodies if bottom box is not being used for brood
 - Feed syrup if needed to draw out super foundation
 - If you use a queen excluder, do not add it until after the bees start to draw out comb in super.
 - Watch out for robbing!
 - Have supers on hand, nectar flow has started. Supers can fill fast!
 - Do not medicate hives during honey flow
 - Order supplies and containers for extracting honey.
 - Capped honey may be harvested and the empty frames returned to the hive.
 - Check for other pests (starting to see SHB, moths, roaches, ants), strong hives will keep pests in check.
 - Provide a close clean water source.
- A few currently blooming nectar plants:
 - Honey Mesquite
 - Black Berries
 - Rough Leaf Dogwood
 - Gulf Coast Penstemon
 - Green Milkweed
 - Salvias and Sages
 - Catnip
- Handy Tips and Tools:
 - Place your hive on a stand.
 - A big wagon will save you trips back for that thing you forgot.
 - A light weight folding TV table will save your back.
 - Make your own screened inter-cover(s) this month. Install when it gets hot and humid at night. If you see a large number of bees hanging on the exterior of the hive they could use some ventilation.
 - Drill vent holes in new deep hive bodies. Jan uses 5/8 in bits. Buy corks at Hobby Lobby.
 - Use a journal
 - Have a box/bucket handy to dispose of burr comb and debris. Don't throw out in bee yard it will attract pests.
 - Door prize drawing (we need donations)

Program on Doom and Gloom - Diseases and Pests by Jan Hodson

Next meeting June 17th, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Meeting Adjourned at 9pm: Moved Jan Hodson, 2nd by Pat c de Baca & passed by members at 9:30 pm

Info provided to membership at meeting.

Websites:

<https://carolinahoneybees.com/essential-oils-honeybees/>

Barnyard Bees videos

Scientific Beekeeping – Randy Oliver

Bee Culture magazine's website

Apps:

BeeSmart – Pollinator partnership, pollinator.org, lists plants per ecoregion

Bee Health – <http://agriculture.alberta.ca/bees> Lists pests and diseases, symptoms list to find possible problems

Beekeeping – Geek Zeek apps, book on beekeeping

Apiary book –Creative Software Grup, hive management tool

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