

BM Meeting Minutes
 March 7, 2019, 3:00 pm
 301 S Chestnut, Gainesville, TX



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

Officers in Attendance			Other Board Members in Attendance		
*	President	Jan Hodson	*	Communications	Robby Ayers
*	V. President	Michael Barber	*	Hospitality	Melanie & Gary Clinton
*	Treasurer	Julie Haza	*	Webmaster	Byron Compton
	Secretary	Louann Barfknecht		Advisor	Marty Morgan

Attendance: 6

Executive Board Meeting: March 7, 2019

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm at Cooke Co. Extension Office.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Pollen Feeders – we made 12, and sold 11. We have one left for sale or for display use for sales in the fall. Sold 11 @ \$220 – 89.08 (materials) = Income \$130.92. (See attached detail) We may be able to get some materials donated next time from Home Depot.
- Jan talked to Justin Hartman, his brother raises Vetch for seed. The price to the club would be \$20 for 10lbs. Planting rate would be 5-10 pounds per acre. Vetch should be planted in the winter or fall. The board discussed buying the seed and packaging it in smaller weights for fund raising in the fall. The board approved the idea. We will discuss in more detail later in the year.
- The Advanced training class is March 23. Jan provided NCTC menu information to Julie for the lunch. We have the option of catering the lunch or enjoying the buffet provided from 11:30-12:30. The buffet cost is around \$6.50 per person. Julie will contact NCTC to schedule lunch with them and arrange the details of payment. Jan asked Robby to talk to his wife (Shawna) about seeing if she could have the heat turned on in the building for Saturday. The February class did not have heat.

Vice President: Michael Barber

- March GM speaker will be Blake Shook. He will be talking about products of the hive. April & May speaker will be Robin Young.
- The board had a discussion about honorariums for speakers. Many of which travel a distance to speak to the club. We voted on \$50 for most outside speakers. \$75 for speakers travelling a long distance like Roger Farr who lives in Mt Pleasant. On Jan's request we are mailing \$50 to the Texas Honey Bee Education Association (THBEA) as a thank you for Abby Pettibon (2018 Texas Honey Queen) being our speaker last year. When she spoke at the July 2018 meeting we

were just taking dues for the first time. She requested the when we had some funds available that we donate to THBEA because the non-profit branch of TBA funds the travel of the Texas Honey Queens.

- **Scholarships:** At this point both boys have almost everything but bees. Byron has a suit to donate to Will Ayers. Bryon has the bees on order, they should be ready the first of May.
- **Mentor Program:** We have four new Mentee applications; Based on locations, Byron will be taking the Moss's and Brandy Bonn. Jan will take Donna Hess. She has been helping Gaylon Thompson (before the application), but he will be moved over to Michael with Jan assisting.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht Not present

Louann had a dental appointment. Jan Hodson is taking notes for the minutes

- **February BM minutes** were brought before the board. Michael made the motion, Byron seconded. Approval was voted on with no additional changes to be made.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Julie reported the checking account for EFBA currently has a balance of \$2,146.77. Paypal has a balance of \$46.10. We still owe Byron for Jonathan's equipment purchase.
- We currently have 44 members, including 2 scholarship members.
- 19 people are currently signed up for the advanced beekeeping class March 23.
- We have our State Sales Tax Exemption.
- We should be approved for Amazon Smile sometime in March. . It will apply .5% of user purchases online to EFBA.

Webmaster: Byron Compton

- A plant database has been discussed & is currently under investigation. This may be a long term project.
- Membership database is being updated as we grow. Some people have opted out of having contact info on the members side of the website.
- New members will have name tags for the next meeting. Jan suggested we have a sign up pad for people that have lost their name tag, or just would like to have one.
- Jan will bring some metal tins to the meeting to store name tags.
- Contact lists for the public (ie: swarms, bee wranglers, etc)- is in progress of being added to our website & possibly the FB page.
- Board Member Training - Discussion about doing a manual or some instruction information for successive board members or in the event of an emergency election of a board member.
- We discussed having a breakout session on basic beekeeping for people that missed the first beekeeping class. Byron is going to put something together for the next general meeting. He will take the attendees to the back conference room at the beginning of the business meeting.

Hospitality: Melanie & Gary Clinton

- Melanie & Gary will bring snacks & drinks for the March class.
- Julie will order lunch for the March Beekeeping class.

Communications: Robby Ayers

- **Robby sent a first draft of a logo for material reproduction purposes for the club. We discussed modifications, He will take it back to the designer.**

Advisor: Marty Morgan – Not in attendance

New Business:

- **Michael's ideas: discounts, buyer's club, Honey Bee Learning Center Outreach**
- **Possible donations discussed: buckets from Home Depot. Texas Bee Supply has a possible discount number for club members. Michael to discuss with TBS.**
- **Various education center designs and locations were discussed as a long term plan.**

Meeting Adjourned: 6:00 pm

Attachment: Costs and Profit for Pollen feeders

Costs and Profit for Pollen feeders

1/18/2019 Home Depot Gainesville:

Downspout adapters	12@ 2.57	\$30.84
4" sewer drain aps	12@ 2.21	\$26.52
#3 x 15' double loop chain	1@ 6.50	\$ 6.50
	Total:	\$63.86

1/22/2019 Home Depot Denton:

Drain Pipe	1 @ 10.98	\$9.88
Eye bolts (2 per pk)	11 packs @1.18	\$ 12.98
Washers	2 pack @1.18	\$ 2.36
	Total:	\$25.22

Donations:

Items:	Estimated Value:
2 ft of drain pipe	\$2.00
1 pack eye bolts	\$1.18
PVC Glue	\$3.00
Hardware cloth	\$2.00

11 sold @ \$20 ea = \$220 (one left)

Cost: $63.86+25.22=\$89.08$

Income: \$130.92