



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

Officers in Attendance			Other Board Members in Attendance		
*	President	Jan Hodson		Communications	open
*	V. President	Pat c de Baca	*	Hospitality	Michael Barber
*	Treasurer	Julie Haza	*	Webmaster	Byron Compton
*	Secretary	Louann Barfknecht	*	Advisor	Marty Morgan

Attendance: 22 Guests: 5

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm at Landmark Bank.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- The Beginning Beekeeping class was held at NCTC & we had good attendance, lunch & snacks & was a day full of great information. The next class will be Hive Management & Increases to be held October 20, 2018 from 9 am – 3 pm at NCTC. Registration can be mailed in to Elm Fork Beekeepers Assn, 301 S. Chestnut, Gainesville, TX 76240, paid with PayPal on the EFBA web-site (small extra fee for PayPal payments), or brought to the next meeting. Class size will be limited so get your spot reserved. *Registration fee includes lunch. Cost is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple.

Vice President: Pat c de Baca

- October Meeting speaker will be Justin Hartman on Queening.
- We are working on the Mentor Program & hope to have it ready to start accepting applications for this program for interested parties at our next meeting. Stay tuned for more information on this program.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- The minutes from Board meetings & general meetings will be posted upon approval by board members on our web-site. Thank You Byron for posting these.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Current membership for EFBA is 22. Bank account is currently at \$599.93 & PayPal is \$249.11
- Per Jan this is enough to now register the club as non- profit status which we will be doing.

Webmaster: Byron Compton

- The EFBA web-site is working correctly. Everyone is invited to check it out, but only members of the EFBA can access the member forum which has lots of good & useful information for beekeepers.

Hospitality: Michael Barber

- We still need someone to volunteer for Communications. Welcome to all who attended our meeting!

Advisor: Marty Morgan

- Marty & Jan made fliers for our EFBA classes. Please remember to promote the classes to anyone of interest, stores, etc.

Announcements:

- Christmas party will be for members only, if you have any party activity suggestions, let Jan know.

Business:

- August Minutes reviewed by the Board, Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Louann Barfknecht, 2nd by Melanie & passed by vote.
- EFBA website is up! elmforkbeekeepers.org Check it out! Members can view the Member Forum, discuss issues, view videos, information, etc.
- Membership fees, class registration & fees, can now be paid on online (PayPal fees will apply)
- Bylaws were discussed, Byron made a motion to accept, a motion was 2nd to approve Bylaws & they were passed by vote.
- The TBA conference is Nov 8-10th in Temple, TX There will be vendors there, speakers & some classes that are available at an extra cost. There is a discount if you have a TBA membership.

Monthly Tips and tools

September tips were listed on the Agenda. With cooler temps you might consider removing screened boards & putting solid ones on. Consider wind breaks (Hay bales are an easy one). Note: Hive beetles like cooler temps (Swifter type pads & Beetle Blasters help with the SHB). See Agenda for other useful info.

Speaker and topic

The speaker this month was Daisy Watson from the Cooke County Appraisal office. She spoke on the use of Bee Hives for an Agriculture Tax exemption. Application forms were passed out & also available on the Cooke County web-site as well as resources at cookecad.org

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:36

Minutes approved: October 18, 2018