

GM Meeting Minutes
 October 17, 2019, 6:30 pm
 Landmark Bank, Gainesville, TX



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

Officers in Attendance			Other Board Members in Attendance		
√	President	Jan Hodson	√	Communications	Susan Pritchard
√	V. President	Michael Barber	√	Hospitality	Melanie and Gary Clinton
√	Treasurer	Julie Haza	√	Webmaster	Byron Compton
	Secretary	Louann Barfknecht		Advisor	Marty Morgan

Attendance: 37

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

Officer Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- The agenda will be emailed to all members prior to the monthly meetings instead of printed and distributed at the meeting.
- Introduced Susan Pritchard as the communication director.
- Reminded everyone about the TBS Convention November 8-9th at the Hilton San Antonio Airport.
- Reminder of Training Classes for 2020. Jan 25, Feb 22, & Mar 28, 2020, \$100 includes snacks, lunch and books
- Fund raiser selling Hairy Vetch Seed during the meeting. Hairy Vetch: 1 lb-\$3, 3 lbs- \$8, 5 lbs - \$12, 10 lbs - \$20
- Order sign up sheet for Pollen Feeders to be sold for \$20ea.

Vice President: Michael Barber

The nomination committee is seeking volunteers for officers for the next year as well as appointed positions and Director at large. November speakers will be Misty Appling and Mary Benton, December is the holiday party and will not have a speaker. Reminded the members of the mentor program and scholarship applications for 2020.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

Lou Ann was absent, minutes for the September meeting had been sent to all members, Dana Moss made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jason

Hartman and approved by unanimous declaration by members. Meeting minutes taken by Susan Pritchard.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Membership: 49 members, 14 new members, 33 renewal members and 2 students.
- Bank account balance \$1752.76. PayPal balance \$223.70 for a total of \$1976.46.

Webmaster: Byron Compton

If you lost or need a badge let him know. New members will receive log in information for website by e mail. There are two FaceBook pages, one for the public and one for members only.

Communications: Susan Pritchard

Requested everyone take and post a Beekeeper Class flyer to their local businesses that have community bulletin boards. Will Ayers volunteered to make a centerpiece, will coordinate with Byron Compton for delivery to San Antonio, will request the funds for materials at a later date, up to \$50 allowed by the contest rules was approved by the board.

Hospitality: Melanie and Gary Clinton

Thanked everyone that brought snacks gave a description of the hospitality position to encourage other members to volunteer.

- A few blooming nectar plants:
 - Pigeon-berry (*Rivina humilis*)
 - Narrow-leaf gayfeather (*Liatris mucronata*)
 - Rooseveltweed (*Baccharis neglecta*)
 - Asters (several species)
 - Amaranth (*several species*) common names: pigweed, red-root pigweed, quelite
 - Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- Oct Monthly Tips
 - Due to cooler nights queen may have moved her laying to the top hive box. Brood needs to be kept around 93° F
 - Brood laying will start tapering off as it gets colder.
 - Remove Queen Excluders so bees can cluster
 - Weak hives should be combined with strong hives.
 - Fall pollen and nectar should be available until first frost.

- Check honey, pollen and brood pattern on frames. The girls need 30-50 lbs of honey stored for the winter.
- Remove screened inner covers. Close up screened bottom boards.
- Install entrance reducers
- You may need a mouse guard, if not on a tall hive stand.
- Consider facing hives to the south. Tilt hives so rain will not run into the hive.
- Treat for varroa if needed.
- Check to make sure that paradichlorobenzene (PDB) crystals in stored supers haven't evaporated.
- Handy Tips and Tools: Planting Hairy Vetch – Lucas Hartman
Lucas Hartman gave a short presentation on planting hairy vetch, the timing of when it will emerge and bloom, that it will reseed, rye and wheat are good companion plantings, hairy vetch can grow to 24", is great for nitrogen and soil improvement, great for both black clay and sandy loam, bees love it and it makes great honey.
- Door Prizes awarded by drawing and meeting adjourned for the panel discussion regarding over wintering bees. Panel members: Jan Hodson, Byron Compton and Jason Hartman, moderator Michael Barber.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:30 pm