



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

BM Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2022, 6:30 pm

LDS Church

Officers in Attendance			Other Board Members in Attendance		
✓	President	Jan Hodson		Communications	Gavin Hutchins
✓	V. President	Stan Brandon		Hospitality	Melanie Clinton
✓	Treasurer	Julie Haza	✓	Education Director	Byron Compton
✓	Secretary	Connie Hutchins		Webmaster	Stacy Branam
✓	Director at Large	Tim Branam			

Attendance: 6

Executive Board Meeting, April, 7, 2022, called to order at 6:30 PM

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Jan wrote (and emailed to all board members) an article for the Ag Extension newsletter. The article will also serve as the basis for information on swarms and cutouts for the website.
- Byron is to get information to Jan on the cutouts so she can finish the writeup.
- Contact List for cutouts and swarms is in progress and working on the list and writeup for outyards.
- It is decided that Stacy will put up the tips and blooms on the website and then post a link to it on Facebook rather than have Justin post them.
- The board meeting was held at the LDS meeting house and we will continue meeting in person there for a while.

Vice President: Stan Brandon

- Stan called in for this meeting. Speakers for upcoming meetings:
 - April speaker is Kim Townsend, a master beekeeper who will speak on bee remove
 - May is dealing with heat, will likely have a panel.
 - June is Pest Control with Donny Johns (Did I get that name correct)
 - July is Queen Rearing with Stan Brandon
 - August is Hive Products with Byron Compton
 - September is getting ready for winter.
- Discussion was had on upping the honorarium. It is currently \$50. It was decided to up it to \$125 for anyone coming from a neighboring county. \$150 for next layer. Others to be decided on individual basis.

Secretary: Connie Hutchins

- Minutes for March were approved by all in attendance with Byron making the motion and Time seconding.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- 990N is on Julie's list of things to do but not yet done.
- \$6216.45 in bank account
- \$25.47 in PayPal
- Total \$6241.92
- Currently 67 members
- Scholarship money was received and deposited.
- Cutoff for Grace period for member dues is May.
- Need to get more door prizes. Ideas were discussed and includes XenTari for wax moth control, swifter sheets, beetle traps, etc.

Communications: Gavin Hutchins

- Not in attendance

Education Director: Byron Compton

- A discussion was had about sending scholarship recipients to the annual TBA conference. It was decided no as far as paying entire expenses. Scholars can apply for ambassador status which Byron will get more information about. Tim suggested paying for ticket for board member or club member. Club member would be decided by a drawing.
- Invoice was sent for Owen's bee suit. He has 2 NUCS coming in 2 weeks.
- Start looking for another scholar now for next year.
- Decided to stock up on equipment now for next years scholar.
- 2022 classes went well.
 - Improvements include detailed outlines to eliminate duplication of information from each instructor.
 - Develop a new checklist for handouts.
 - Add Tim as an additional instructor
 - Survey from class showed overall positive feedback. A few comments that some of the stuff was too advanced, such as queen rearing. A couple of comments included desire for information on additional hive types, i.e., top bar, etc.
 - Intermissions and breaks were used to advantage for discussion with individuals.

Webmaster: Stacy Branam

- Not in Attendance but all info is up to date with exception of Byron's info just submitted from the bee classes.

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- Several new mentee applications were received. All were assigned with Time picking up several that were long distances. Those will be a lot of phone calls with very few visits.

Business

- Time to send donation check to VFW.
- VFW is doing food plates on Thursdays. Need to offer plate in announcement and ask for RSVP.
- Is decided we will be keeping the VFW for our meeting venue and Jan will ask for some space to store items such has screen and hospitality items.

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:45 PM.