



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

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: 7

Executive Board Meeting, October 7, 2021, called to order at 6:35 PM

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Jan asked if there had been any volunteers to promote scholarship at last general meeting (GM). There had not been.
- Stan is considering approaching the FFA to help promote scholarship and Jan will ask Justin to promote on Facebook page.
- Byron and Julie will be attending the TBA convention in November.
- No one from the board nor Kelydn attended the state fair.
- Club will be offering pollen feeders at the next general meeting. They are \$20, any interested parties need to contact Jan in advance so she can take to GM. We have 15 feeders in stock.

Vice President: Stan Brandon

- Octobers speaker will be Sheri Nielson speaking on creamed honey.
- November not lined up yet.
- December will be Christmas party
- Still looking into Chaos seed.
- Election slate will consist of current board members and will be presented in October GM and voted on in November GM.
- Also need to ask for nomination for Director at large. Ideally this would come from club member and not existing board member.

Secretary: Connie Hutchins

- No changes to Sept. minutes.
- Byron motioned to approve, Julie seconded, and all voted in favor of accepting.
- Approved minutes will be uploaded asap.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- \$4815.31 in bank account
- \$25.70 in PayPal
- Total \$4841.01
- Currently 50 members
- Member list updated and uploaded to Google drive

Communications: Gavin Hutchins

- Will send announcement for next GM.
- Discussion was had on newsletter content including a newbie corner with monthly tips, board member names and contact, website info, etc.
- Gavin suggested a list management service be considered that will allow for subscribe and unsubscribe tools. This will make keeping the list much more manageable and making announcements and newsletters easier. Jan agreed and Gavin is to do some research on possible services.

Hospitality: Melanie Clinton

- Not in attendance
- Discussion was had on acquiring additional help for hospitality. Tim had an idea and will get back to us.
- Need to be able to get hospitality set up earlier so the general meetings can include the 30 minute social time before meeting starts.

Education Director: Byron Compton

- Keldyn will give his final in November GM.
- Master beekeeping class for the advanced group is complete and the beginner group has one more session. Byron is giving thought to changing the schedule for next year's class.
- Follow up on the Christian Academy: the club does not have the resources to provide what they are looking for.
- The bee classes for 2022 dates will be: January 29, February 26, and March 26. Byron will contact NCTC with those dates to confirm if those are open and we can use the facilities. Mt. Springs CC is the backup plan.

Webmaster: Stacy Branam

- Not in Attendance

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- Two new requests for mentors were received. Tim expressed concern that one of the requests was from some one who does not have bees and have not made the commitment to acquire bees. Jan suggested that was ok and suggested that some people needed help before making the decision to give them confidence it was something they could do
- The other request was from a person in Bonham which is some distance. Likely it will be Tim or Byron to take that one on.

Business

- A discussion was had on how to get more of our club members out to the monthly general meetings. Current attendance averages in the high teens/low 20's with 7 or 8 of those being board members.
- Suggestions included:
 - Tim to talk to some people he knows who are members but not coming to meetings to get idea and perhaps put together a survey.
 - Attempt to generate some excitement via a newsletter, i.e. better communication.
 - More advance notice of meetings including speakers confirmed further in advance.
 - Improved hospitality.
 - Wondered VFW venue was an issue with the smell of smoke.
- Discussion to be continued.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:50 PM