



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: 7 Board members Guests & Members: 27

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm at Landmark Bank.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Review of 2018 accomplishments & work in progress.
- New communications director Robby Ayers was elected. Thank you Robby!
- Information table for EFBA to be represented at the Tri County Farm & Ranch Symposium on Feb. 21, 2019
- Upcoming conferences: NE TX Beekeepers Conference Jan 26 in Longview, TX , Austin Area Beekeepers Seminar on Feb. 2, 2019 in Round Rock, TX
- TBA 2019 Delegates Meeting scheduled Feb. 9 at Conroe Bible Church 4491 I 45N, Conroe, TX 77304 from 10 am to 3:30 pm
- New EFBA members can also have a free membership for 1 year to the TBA.

Vice President: Michael Barber

- Speaker for the meeting tonight is Dr. Justin Hartman topic is Queen Introduction & Byron Compton on Buying Bees- Packages or Nuks. There was a handout given with info on Nuks VS Packaged bees & questions to consider asking your supplier. Upcoming speaker will be Michael in February subject will be Swarm Traps. Please send your suggestions for any topic/speaker of interest.
- Ambassador Scholarship program is in progress & the 2 recipients were introduced. Congrats to Jonathan Hamilton & Will Ayers
- Mentor program is also in progress. There are application forms to fill out if you are a member of EFBA & new to beekeeping.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- November Minutes were approved & will be posted on the EFBA website.
- Decembers Minutes have been distributed for review

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Ended 2018 with a balance of \$229.65. Current checking acct & Pay Pal balance \$1,624.75
- Current membership in EFBA is 30
- Julie asked if anyone would volunteer to Audit (Look over) the club books for 2018. If you can do this, notify Julie.

Webmaster: Byron Compton

- No problems were reported with the website. Registration for the upcoming 2 classes can be done on the EFBA website or FB page will route you to registration. The website is elmforkbeekeepers.org

Hospitality: Melanie & Gary Clinton

- Thanks to Melanie & Gary for providing snacks & goodies to the meeting. If anyone can help out with providing snacks for meetings or upcoming classes see Melanie or Gary.

Communications: Robby Ayers

- Robby will be working on Business cards, fliers, etc for the club to promote the EFBA

Advisor: Marty Morgan

-

Business:

- The hive decoration winner from the Christmas party was Will Ayers. A slide was shown of his super cool hive & he was presented with a \$30 gift card! Congrats Will!
- Training classes scheduled: Jan 19, Feb 16, March 23 & will be at NCTC in Gainesville. Registration as stated above can be done online.
- Survey Forms were available at the meeting. Please take a minute to fill them out & turn them in...Let us know how we can enhance our club.
- Russian Bees: For interested parties, you can order 5 frame nuk's of Russian Bees & they will be delivered to Jans house for pick up. You can order & pay for them online at coybeecompany.com
EFBA is not responsible for the bees & Jan has volunteered to have them delivered to her house as a convenience to interested parties. Delivery date should be May 3. More info will be coming soon.

Monthly Tips and tools

- Winter tips were distributed at the meeting & discussion on Hive Journaling

Door Prizes

- Drawings were held for Door prizes for some lucky winners. Anyone able to contribute door prizes for future meetings are appreciated.
Next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2019 6 pm social & 6:30 meeting at Landmark Bank Gainesville, TX
Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 pm