



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

Officers in Attendance			Other Board Members in Attendance		
*	President	Jan Hodson	*	Communications	Susan Pritchard
*	V. President	Michael Barber		Hospitality	Melanie Clinton
*	Treasurer	Julie Haza		Hospitality	Gary Clinton
	Secretary	Louann Barfknecht	*	Webmaster	Byron Compton
*	Director at Large	Tim Branam			

Attendance: 6

Executive Board Meeting, 1/2/2020

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm at Cooke Co. Extension Office.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- **Holiday party attendance was low. Recommended using Evite for future events to get a more accurate food & attendance count. Should we continue with a party or change the format? The decision was tabled until a later date to give the board members a chance to discuss options & get suggestions from the club membership.**
- **Cooke County Appraisal district would like the club to put together a list of frequently asked questions &/or clarifications on what is required to obtain Ag Exemption using honeybees so they can make sure the requirements they provide are clear and factual.**
- **Future meeting space is scheduled through March 2020, as that is as far as the bank will allow the club to schedule. We may want to consider other spaces, will ask members for other venues that will work.**
- **We have an opportunity for a booth at the Feb. 20, 2020 Tri-County Farmer Rancher Symposium at the Gainesville Civic Center from 9 am – 3 pm**
- **December board minutes require some corrections. Jan will send them to Louann.**

Vice President: Michael Barber

- **Speaker for January meeting is the Texas Honey Queen. Working on future speakers with a panel discussion for March to discuss prep for the season, making Nucs & raising queens. Michael will keep the board up to date as speakers are scheduled.**
- **Mentor Program is going well, all members that have requested mentors have been assigned a mentor.**

- The board reviewed 2 scholarship apps & decided not to award the scholarships, some discussion on making sure more time is spent during the year to promote the scholarship and possibly awarding more scholarships next year.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- Not in attendance

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- EFBA current bank balance \$2,497.74 & \$20. In Pay Pal = Total of \$2,517.74. Membership is 57 with 2 scholarship students.
- Julie needs 2 members to do a 2019 audit, will request volunteers at the next meeting.

Webmaster: Byron Compton

- Discussion about possibility of Will helping with the website & about board member training for the website. Byron said he will host a training class in his new home, date TBD.

Hospitality: Melanie and Gary Clinton

- Not in attendance

Director at Large: Tim Branan

- Will have the membership complete a survey at the next meeting to determine how best to serve members & their needs for 2020.

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- Will work more with the high schools in the area to get more involvement & interest in beekeeping and the annual scholarship.

Old Business:

- Classes are scheduled for 1/25, 2/22 & 3/28, enrollment is still open.
- Pollen feeders are still available & will be offered for sale at the meeting.
- Contract examples for Bee wrangling & removal have been tabled.

New Business:

- Meeting Adjourned: at 4:46