



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

BM Meeting Minutes
Dec 5, 2019, 3:00 pm
301 S Chestnut, Gainesville, TX

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

Attendance: 6

Executive Board Meeting December 5, 2019

Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm at Cooke Co. Extension Office.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- TBA table center piece contest – These will be auctioned off at the conference in San Antonio. We did not have a volunteer for this and did not use the allotted expenditure for a centerpiece.
- Beekeeping classes are scheduled for 1/25, 2/22 & 3/28/2020 all to be held at NCTC in Gainesville. Cost of all 3 classes will be \$100. (non-refundable). To include lunch, snacks, class books & materials. Info will be put on the EFBA web site. Posters are printed & ready to distribute. Currently we have 3 persons signed up for the classes.
- Agenda printouts - will not be printed for meetings unless we receive requests for them in the future.

Vice President: Michael Barber

- Speaker for January will possibly be the TX Honey Bee Queen. Need to firm this up. For Feb the speaker will be Misty Appling & Mary Benton re: bee sting therapy & allergies.
- Mentor Program- In progress, received a new applicant & has been assigned to Tim Branam as a mentor.
- Scholarship application deadline is Dec 31, 2019.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- Approval of November BM minutes was presented for approval with a few recommended minor changes. A first by Susan, 2nd by Michael and passed via vote of board members in attendance.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Julie reported the checking account for EFBA currently has a balance of \$2453.22 in checking account & \$20 in PayPal. Current Membership is 57 including 2 students.
- Current EFBA membership for membership is 56. Cost is \$25 per member.
- Vetch Seed - All sold. Reported EFBA made a gain of \$80 on the sale of the vetch seed. Additionally, we sold 8 pollen feeders and have orders for 4 more. Jan has been making these & some of the supplies were donated.

Webmaster – Byron Compton

- Not in attendance

Hospitality: Melanie & Gary Clinton

- Gary reported update on Christmas party to be on December 19. Available for all members & their families. Bring a \$10 limit gift for the gift exchange. Meats & drinks provided by club. Members asked to bring a side dish.
- Discussion about upcoming classes & snacks, drinks, etc.

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- Susan discussed getting the word out to public about the upcoming classes & about reaching out to local FFA's about the Scholarship program.

Director at Large - Tim Branam – Not in attendance

Advisor: Marty Morgan – Not in attendance

- Info to be updated soon about outstanding EFBA opportunities at the Farmer Symposium in 2020, Cooke Co Appraisal, Scheduled meeting space for EFBA in 2020, Scholarship & class promotion.
- EFBA received an email that Marty will be transferring to Wise County extension office. His last day is Dec 21. Best wishes to Marty!

Business:

- Landmark Bank employee gift of honey was delivered on Nov 21.
- Pollen Feeders (8 sold & 4 more ordered). Susan will check for possible donations for supplies for future orders.
- How to formalize our announcement Facebook page through Robby & Susan. Robby said he will do a public FB for club.
- How club will handle donations of sponsorships of scholarship program. Susan will be checking for possible donations for this.
- Bee wrangler contract form examples. Removal contract examples. (Tabled for now).

Notes:

- Next BM will be Jan 2, 2020. The next GM will be Jan 16, 2020
Meeting Adjourned: 4:26+