



Elm Fork

## Beekeepers Association

### General Meeting Agenda, January 17, 2019

**Mission: To share information and provide education to our members and community about bees and beekeeping. To promote responsible beekeeping practices, through training and education, resulting in effective management of diseases, pests, and other environmental issues.**

- **Welcome and Officer reports**
  - **Jan Hodson – President**
    - **2018 a good year**
    - **Moving forward in 2019**
    - **New communications director Robby Ayers**
    - **Information Table at The Tri County Farm & Ranch Symposium Feb 21**
    - **NE TX Beekeepers Conference, Jan 26, Longview, TX**
    - **Austin Area Beekeepers Seminar, Feb 2, Round Rock, TX**
    - **TBA 2019 Delegates Meeting will take place on February 9th at Conroe Bible Church, 4491 Interstate 45N, Conroe TX 77304, from 10am - 3:30pm. 2019 Delegates Meeting will take place on February 9th at Conroe Bible Church, 4491 Interstate 45N, Conroe TX 77304, from 10am - 3:30pm.**
    - **New members TBA Membership**
  - **Michael Barber – Vice President**
    - **Speakers**
    - **Monthly speakers/topics (your suggestions needed)**
    - **Ambassador Scholarship program**
    - **Mentor program**
  - **Secretary – Louann Barfknecht**
    - **November Minutes**
  - **Treasurer – Julie Haza**
    - **Reports**
    - **Audit (need volunteers to audit 2018 books)**
  - **Webmaster – Byron Compton**
  - **Communications – Robby Ayers**
  - **Hospitality – Melanie and Gary Clinton**
  - **Advisor – Marty Morgan**
- **Business**
  - **Hive contest winner William Ayers**
  - **Training classes: Jan 19, Feb 16, March 23 maps to building**
  - **Survey forms**
  - **Russian Bees**
- **January Monthly Tips**
  - **Check to make sure that paradichlorobenzene (PDB) crystals in stored frames haven't evaporated.**

- Check the weight of the top box every other week. Feed if needed.
- Only go into hives on warm sunny days. Preferably 65 degrees or higher outside temperatures  
Check honey and pollen stores.
- Weak hives (fewer than two frames of bees) should be combined with strong hives.
- If you are planning to make spring splits begin feeding pollen patties or dry pollen in late January
- Colonies should have little or no brood.
- Order equipment and bees.
- Clean tools and make equipment repairs
- A few currently blooming nectar plants:
  - Coming soon: Flowering Quince (*Chaenomeles japonica*)
  - Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to [janrhodson@gmail.com](mailto:janrhodson@gmail.com)  
or text to 214-417-9071
- Handy Tips and Tools:
  - Hive journals
- Door prize drawing (need donations)
- Program: Byron Compton – Buying bees
- Program: Justin Hartman – Queen introduction
- Meeting Close

Next meeting: February 21, Michael Barber Swarm Traps, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Website:

[elmforkbeekeepers.org](http://elmforkbeekeepers.org)

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