



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: 8

Executive Board Meeting, January 3, 2019

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

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- EFBA now has their 501c3 Tax exemption status & it will be retroactive to April 2018.
- There are no General meeting minutes for December 2018 due to the Christmas party was the Dec meeting.
- Jan outlined plans for the 2019 year to include: a honey extraction party that will be scheduled tentatively for August 17, 2019. Work on communications & promoting the EFBA in the community, Possibly create info on plants for North TX that pollinators are attracted to that can be accessible on the EFBA website, may add a buy/sell/trade page on the website where members can post related items. * Discussion to be continued on these items.
- July Board Meeting will be tentatively on June 27th due to schedule conflict.
- Survey info has been received requesting where to buy bees (possibility to add this info on the buy/sell/trade page of our web site. This topic will be further discussed
- September meeting will be facilitated by Michael Barber (Jan will be out of town).
- **Vice President: Michael Barber**
 - Dr. Justin Hartman will be speaking at the January general meeting. His topic will be Introducing a new queen to the hive. February's speaker will be Michael Barber & Byron Compton. Michael will speak about "swarm traps".
 - Mentor Program is in progress & has begun as mentors & mentees are matched up. Any member can apply for this program. Applications are available at the meetings or on the website.
 - We still need "Spotlight" info on members. See the website to fill out your info.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- December minutes were approved with a minor change to be added.

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- Bank balance is \$205.68, Paypal balance \$25., 27 members currently. Julie is still having issues receiving the bank statements via U.S. Mail. She is working on getting this remedied.

Webmaster: Byron Compton

- Discussion on putting our member contact list with info on the member page of web-site. Byron will be working on this with member permission to post.
- Training classes are posted on the website & interested parties can sign-up & pay on the website.

Hospitality: Melanie & Gary Clinton

- The Christmas party was great & we had 26 in attendance! Thanks to all who helped.

Communications: Robby Ayers

- Robby will be working on some printed materials for the club & ways to improve & promote the EFBA. Welcome to Robby & Thank You for stepping into the role of Communications!

Advisor: Marty Morgan

- There will be a \$500. Scholarship awarded to Jonathan Hamilton as one of the recipients of the Ambassador program. BIG THANKS TO Cooke County Ag Advisory Committee for providing this Scholarship.
- February 21 there will be a Tri County Farmer & Rancher Symposium at the Gainesville Civic Center from 8 am to 3 pm. EFBA will have a booth set up for this event. Byron Compton will donate a banner for EFBA to use for different functions including this one. Thank You Marty & Byron! The cost to attend this event is \$30.

Old Business:

- Upcoming Training classes are scheduled for Jan 19, Feb 16 & March 23. You can sign up online or at the meetings. Lunch & snacks will be provided with registration fee.

New Business:

- Robby Ayers has volunteered & was approved as the new Communications officer for EFBA by vote.
- The following 2 recipients were approved for the Ambassador Scholarship program: Jonathan Hamilton & Will Ayers. Congrats to these 2 fine young men. They will be contacted by the board so they can begin their program.
- We have orders for the Pollen Feeders (it's not too late to order). They will be delivered at the February meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: at 4:53 p.m.