

BM Meeting Minutes
 Feb 6, 2020 3:00 pm
 301 S Chestnut, Gainesville, TX



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: 7

Executive Board Meeting, Feb 6, 2020

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm at Cooke Co. Extension Office.

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- Working on info to send to Cooke County Appraisal office re: bee requirements for AG exemption for residents.
- Scheduling meeting space (Feb – April currently scheduled). Discussion about a secondary person to pick up key for GM at the bank. Michael will be the secondary person to do this.
- Backup since Marty is gone – Cooke County Ag office will be in transition until a replacement can be hired.
- Booth opportunities: Feb 20 from 9-3 Farm & Ranch Symposium
- TBA conferences: June 20th at the Denton conference center & Nov 12-14 in Allen. Discussion about info to pass out & see if we can have a table. TBA will have 15 positions open for volunteers for the conference. This will consist of 3 hours of volunteer time & a 1 hour online training course. See Jan if interested. They also need 5 volunteers to help set up for the conference. Free pizza will be served. Also needed are goodies to stuff 850 goodie bags.

Vice President: Michael Barber

- Speakers scheduled thus far: Feb – Lisa Dittfurth re: Creamed Honey, March – Forum with Queen Rearing as possible topic April – Michelle Boerst subject matter forthcoming
- Scholarships – discussion re: Denton Beekeepers club & their grant received from TBA. We need to check into this.
- A vendor has requested to sell nuks through the club – due to conflict of interest this will be provided to members as information only & no sales will be promoted or handled through the EFBA.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- **Approved Dec & Jan BM minutes. Presented & approved via vote.**

Treasurer: Julie Haza

- **Current Checking balance \$4,127.03 & Paypal \$ 0**
- **Current membership is 64**
- **Julie announced that volunteer audit of books for 2019 is complete. Thanks to the Moss's for conducting the audit at the January general meeting.**

Webmaster: Byron Compton

- **Discussion about web site maintenance. Will Ayers may be able to help with web site maintenance but this is not firm yet.**
- **Contact list for public (ie: swarms, bee wranglers, etc)**

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- **Susan will work on scholarship round up info with FFA & 4 H in hopes of generating more interest.**
- **Discussion about help with snacks for meeting & upcoming class scheduled as a possibility as Gary & Melanie may be unable to attend some meetings, etc.**
- **Susan volunteered to contact the extension agents to see if EFBA can have a table at the Farm & Ranch symposium on Feb. 20th.**

Hospitality: Melanie and Gary Clinton

- **Not in Attendance**

Director at Large: Tim Branam

- **Survey – Tim collected the surveys that were distributed at the last GM & handed out the results. Discussion on if the needs of the membership at large were met or suggested changes.**
- **Tim volunteered to attend the Central TX Beekeepers school on March 21 as the recipient of the EFBA scholarship awarded. His attendance was approved by EFBA board.**
- **Discussion about Greg Burchett & his expressed interest in possible EFBA club involvement & the suggestion of a study group as an extension of the EFBA club for persons interested in the Master Beekeeper program. Tim will talk to Greg further & get back to the board.**

Old Business:

New Business:

- **EFBA will have a table at the TBA conference in June. We had discussion about selling pollen feeders at this conference for \$20. Vote was held to make approx. 150 - 200 feeders.**
- **Discussion about creating posters to promote the club, with possible locations at the extension office & Honey Bees Unlimited.**

- **Discussion about checking into items for pollen feeder supplies to be recruited for donation for fundraiser sales at the TBA conference. Susan will work on getting some donations.**
- **Suggestion that the club purchase 5 lbs of Creamed Honey “starter” for the next GM to be distributed as a gift to attendees. This was voted on & approved as a club expense. Byron will donate the small cups to put the “starter” in.**

Meeting Adjourned: at 5:45