



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

BM Meeting Minutes

8/6/20 6:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

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

Attendance: 6

Executive Board Meeting 8/6/20

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm Via Zoom on the Internet

Officers Reports:

President: Jan Hodson

- EFBA extraction party is scheduled for August 22 at the Mountain Springs Community Ctr. Jan has a list to send out re: what you need to bring if you are extracting honey at the party. Jan mentioned she needs a head count for ordering food for the party. Tim said he would see if Stacy can send out an Evite for response on accurate head count.
- TX Bee conference is still scheduled for November 5-7 in Allen, TX

Vice President: Michael Barber

- Scholarship update on plans for presentation of last years recipients. There will be a presentation at the extraction party for last years recipients that have completed their scholarship requirements. Jonathan has completed his & Byron will follow up on Will & see if he is ready to finish up.
- Michael announced that the speaker for August GM will be Steven Coy from Coy Bees. September speaker to be confirmed & will be Gene Cushion from Grayson County Bee Club, possible topic to be "Winterizing". Michael will work on future speakers & topics.
- Susan will check with the local schools FFA program & see if there is any interest in EFBA Scholarship program & possibly scheduling a time to speak in classrooms, etc. The application for this program is on the website. Interested persons, please check the web-site for info & application form.
- Suggestion & discussion about possible military vets &/or persons with PTSD, Special Needs persons that have an interest in beekeeping for acceptance in education programs, mentorship & possibly a scholarship.

Secretary: Louann Barfknecht

- July 2020 minutes were presented to board, voted on and approved via vote.
- Louann was not in attendance for July meeting, so Jan did July minutes for BM.

Treasurer: Julie Haza (Not in Attendance)

- Julie gave the following info to Jan for the meeting: EFBA Checking account at Simmons Bank is currently \$3262.44, Pay Pal = \$229.25 Total of 3491.69. 25 Members are current. Please renew your \$25. Membership if you have not already done so.

Education Coordinator: Byron Compton

- Byron is working on EFBA possible avenues for education & will work on posting meetings on Zoom for viewing after live meeting. This may help people that are not available for live meetings to stay informed. Byron will also see about possibility of editing content on Zoom meetings. We are getting good feedback on the Zoom meetings.

Web Master: Stacy Branum (not in attendance)

- Tim will check with Stacy on website content to be posted on the site.

Hospitality: Melanie and Gary Clinton (not in attendance)

- Big Thank You to Dana for filling in with hospitality.
- Note: Gary passed away at the end of July.

Director at Large: Tim Branan

- The Bee Angel program: Tim has had quite a few contacts regarding interest in this program. Tim has been helping anyone that has needed help & has reached out to him. Discussion about the program & the parameters for qualification & noted that this is designed for temporary help with hives. There is a Mentoring program for new beekeepers that need help & qualify for that program. Tim will continue to be the contact person for the Bee Angel program. He will reach out if he needs help from others as this program grows. Per Jan: anyone can reach out for a Bee Angel.

Communications: Susan Pritchard

- Announced that she will be out due to surgery for 6-8 weeks .
- Susan will work on a press release for Sept speaker. Jan will get the info to Susan for this.
- *Best wishes for successful surgery & speedy recovery were conveyed to Susan *

Old Business:

New Business:

- Discussion about the Mentoring program & how we can enhance it, perhaps a video or series of videos posted to our site, borrow videos with permission from TBA & post on the site. This is something we can explore.
- Discussion about Bee Angel program & determining the criteria as this is meant to be temporary help with hives.
- Discussion about planting needs for next year, selling vetch seed at extraction party in August. This may not be possible this year due to time frame & other issues. Suggestion was made to just take orders at the extraction party for vetch seed & pollen feeders. Michael volunteered his place of business as a pick up location for orders.
- 200 lbs of vetch seed was brought before the board for vote to be used as a fundraiser. This was voted on & passed.

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:22 pm