



Metro Beekeepers Association Annual Report 2020



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2020 MBA Summary



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MBA Purpose



- **Share the importance of bees to growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, & to the environment**
- **Share methods of beekeeping & honey production**
- **Promote beekeeping in the Fort Worth area**
- **Attract and train future beekeepers in the science & craft of beekeeping**
- **Visitors & new Members are Welcome!**
- **Monthly meetings, with Speakers, Q&A, snacks, socializing**
- **Beekeeping Classes**
- **Youth Scholarship Program (Free Bees!)**
- **Visit an apiary (honeybee yard)**
- **Members & Donations support our programs**
- **We're a non-profit 501c3**



You Could Be a Beekeeper!

Programs in 2020 Meetings



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- **12 interesting Speakers**
- **This Month In-the-Hive, Plant of the Month**

Mon	Speaker	Topic	Venue
Jan	Darwyn Flynn	Heat treatments using the Mighty Mite system	In-person
Feb	Joe Lewis	Sustainable Beekeeping with Nucs	In-person
Mar	Stan Key	Best Practices: A lifetime of learning about honey bees	In-person
Apr	Ryan Giesecke	Eusocial Distancing	Online
May	Dennis Gray	Micro-Mini-Mobile Beekeeping	Online
Jun	Nathalie Biggie	Integrated Pest Management, Natural Beekeeping	Online
Jul	Jeremy Campbell	Commercial vs Sideline vs Small-Scale Beekeeping	Online
Aug	Tanya Phillips	Top Bar Management	Online
Sep	C. Marina Marchese	Sensory analysis to taste and evaluate honey	Online
Oct	Brian Peterson	Bees in Detroit	Online
Nov	Michael Leidner	Dealing with Mean Bees	Online
Dec	Cybil Preston	American Foulbrood (AFB) detection, including by dogs Youth Coordinator showed slides of 2020 youth	Online

- **In March, Ft Worth closed non-essential businesses due to Covid-19. MBA continued community service with online meetings & classes, & in-person help at the hive when needed (wearing masks, mostly).**

Youth Scholarships



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- **Youth Leader: Katrina Semones**
- **7 youth were awarded scholarships**
 - **Luke, Kaitlin, Kiley, Makayla, Clara, Dax, Caleb**
 - **Bee hive woodenware (10 frame deep & medium)**
 - **Clothing (suit, gloves)**
 - **Tools (hive tool, brush, smoker)**
 - **5 frame Nuc (nucleus of bees)**
 - **Class with book**
 - **MBA Membership for their family**
 - **Youth Leader & Mentor as guides**
- **March 7: Built hive boxes. Painted boxes at home.**
- **April 14: Hive painting competition video released.**
- **May 2: Picked up Nucs & installed in the hives**
- **Students provided photos & verbal reports**



**Funded by MBA Members as part of our charter
to promote beekeeping, and by ...**



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HOME

SHOP

STORE LOCATIONS AND HOURS AND POLICIES

TEXAS BEE SUPPLY MONTHLY MAGAZINE

BEEKEEPERS BLOG

HIVE AND NUC PURCHASE INFORMATION

VIDEO BLOG

(800) 356-4229



FREE SHIPPING

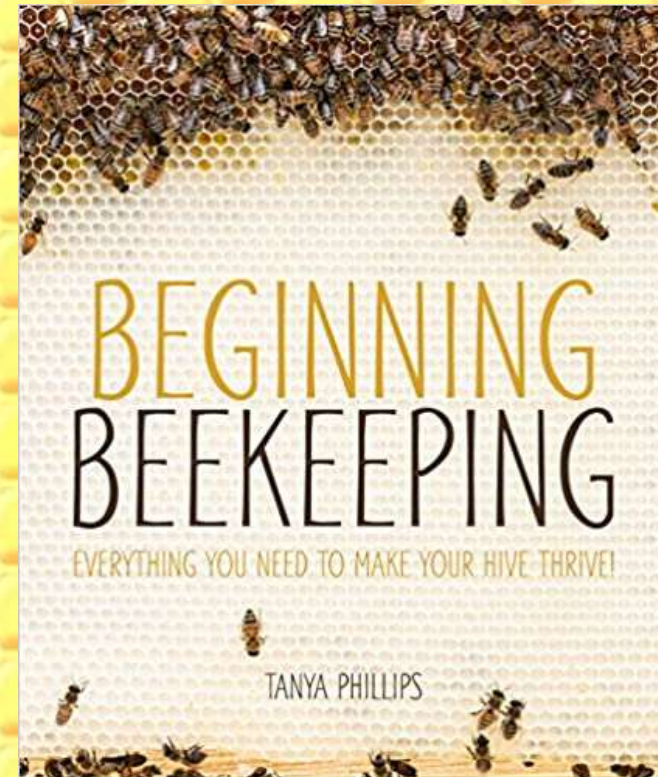
on most orders over \$50!

Thank you to TEXAS BEE SUPPLY for providing the suits, gloves, woodenware, & tools for all 7 youth!

Beginner Beekeeping Class of 2020



- **30 students, including 7 youth scholarships**
 - **11 sessions. In-person Jan-Mar, online Apr-Nov**
 - **Online sessions were recorded & provided to students**
 - **Taught by Gretchen Killingsworth**
 - 1. Introductions, Overview, Bee Info**
 - 2. Hive Types & Location**
 - 3. Tools & Protective Clothing**
 - 4. Installing Nuc, Swarm, or Package**
 - 5. Inspecting & Maintaining**
 - 6. Pests & Diseases**
 - 7. Swarms, Capturing & Prevention**
 - 8. Troubleshooting/Problem Solving**
 - 9. Harvesting**
 - 10. Preparing for Winter**
 - 11. Seasonal Beekeeping, Resources**
- Book: Beginning Beekeeping, by Tanya Phillips**



Field trips



Web/Social Media



- **Robert Morrow, Webmaster**
- **MBA Home Page**
 - **Join/Renew, Youth Scholarships, Class, Officers, Bee Removal, Extractor, FAQ**
 - **<https://metrobeekeepers.net/>**
- **Facebook page**
 - **MBA Announcements**
 - **<https://www.facebook.com/metrobeekeepers>**
- **Facebook Group, 1800 members**
 - **Members share ideas, information, etc.**
 - **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/62625793131>**

DFW Area Beekeeping Conference

Intro to Beekeeping Seminar
November 14, 2020

Free, online, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

www.facebook.com/DFWbees

Community Service



Financial Report



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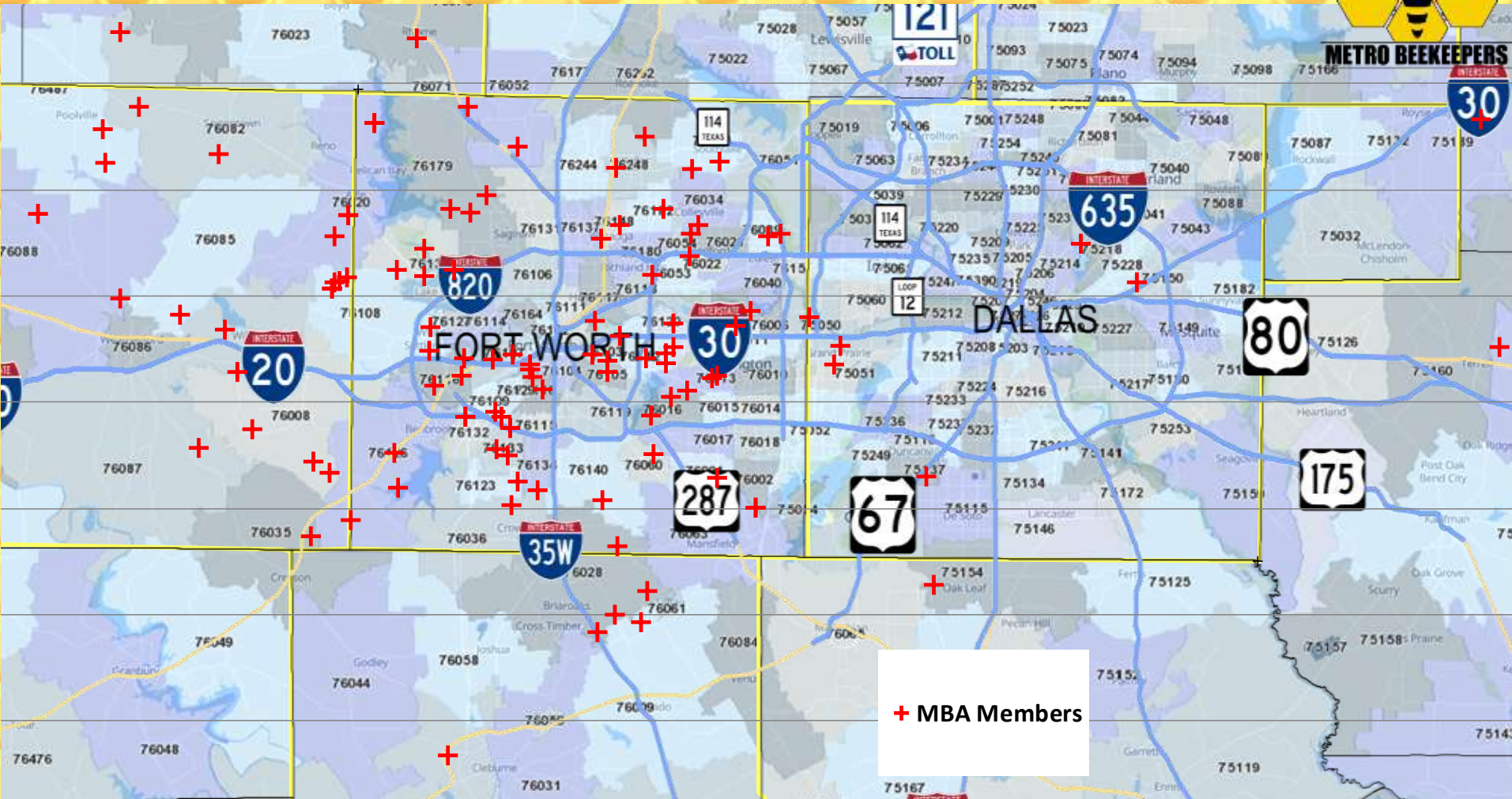
	Amount
Beginning Balance	\$ 10,826
Ending Balance	\$ 13,856
Total Income	\$ 5,785
Total Expenses	\$ 2,755
Income - Expense	\$ 3,030
Income by Category	Amount
Class	\$ 3,180
Member dues	\$ 2,500
Door prize	\$ 5
Gifts	\$ 100
Total Income	\$ 5,785
Expense by Category	Amount
Attorney	\$ 67
Venue ¹	\$ (900)
Scholarships ²	\$ 1,225
Speakers	\$ 675
Class (books)	\$ 768
Insurance	\$ 545
Catering	\$ 91
Website	\$ 40
Membership	\$ 7
PayPal	\$ 109
Bank	\$ 7
Post Office Box	\$ 122
Total Expenses	\$ 2,755

- **MBA uses Cash Method of accounting. Transactions are booked when money is received or paid.**
- **¹ Venue**
 - **Normally, MBA would pay \$2,400 in Dec for the venue for the following year**
 - **MBA paid \$2,400 in Dec 2019 for 2020**
 - **MBA met 3 times in venue in 2020, then local gov't prohibited in-person meetings**
 - **MBA continued reservations for 2020, but when it was clear we would not meet again in person, we got refund of \$900**
 - **In Dec 2020, we did not pay for 2021, but will pay in 2021 when we can meet again**
- **² Scholarships**
 - **The cost to MBA was reduced by Texas Bee Supply donating equip, suits, & tools**
- **Report submitted by Gretchen Killingsworth, 2020 MBA Treasurer (4 Jan 2021)**

Membership



METRO BEEKEEPERS



- **120 MBA Member households cover wide area**
- **Members can opt in to share email & zip code, & coordinate visits to bee yards, share equipment, etc**

2020 Board of Directors

Thanks to the volunteers!



Ryan Giesecke
President & Programs



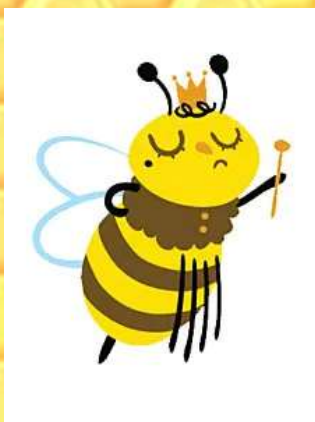
Richard Threlkeld
Vice President



Brent Husted
Secretary



Gretchen Killingsworth
Treasurer & Class Teacher



Katrina Semones
Youth Coordinator



Robert Morrow
Webmaster / Social Media



Russ Killingsworth
Membership

2020 Business Meeting



- **Bylaws**
 - **Board approved Bylaws Committee: 21 Jan 2020**
 - **Bylaws Committee proposed updates to Board**
 - **Approved by the MBA Board, 17 Mar 2020**
- **Business meeting held online, 12 Oct 2020**
 - **All Members invited**
 - **Summarized Bylaws & candidates for 2021 Board of Directors**
- **Voting was done online, 12 thru 19 Oct 2020**
 - **Bylaws approved**
 - **2021 Board of Directors elected**
 - **Vote reviewed by Board of Directors: 20 Oct 2020**
 - **Results emailed to all Members on 23 Oct 2020 & announced in Member mtg on 9 Nov 2020**

The Future

- **2020 was a challenging year, but we are dedicated to continuing community service**
- **2021 Plans**
 - **Already awarded 7 new Youth Scholarships**
 - **Planning monthly programs**
 - **Beginner classes**
 - **Web / Social Media presence**
- **We'd love to hear your suggestions**



**MBA Relies on Member's Support
Thank You!**