

General Meeting
Fall 2012
Emporia

The general meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers Association was called to order by President Steve Tipton on October 20th.

Minutes of the spring meeting were read by Marietta and approved.

Treasures report was given by Robert Burns and approved

1st VP Joli Winer: The spring 2013 meeting is scheduled March 1 &2 in Hays. Might move the meeting since it is geared toward beginning beekeepers and the last few meetings for new beekeepers have been in Hays. The meetings are usually 1st weekend in March for the spring meeting and the 3rd weekend in October for the fall meeting.

2nd VP Rocky Schmied: Left early but left graph information on the fair sales. Sales were up and he will give more information at the Spring meeting. The American Honey Queen left a thank you message via a phone message which Steve played. The board approved updating the state yards and Cecil Sweeney will get with the yard directors to see what is needed.

3rd VP Connie Hopkins: The queen fund has about \$3000. The silent auctions funds this will go to the scholarship fund. Hats and maybe shirts will be for sale in the spring. There are currently no queen candidates.

4th VP Becky Tipton: There are 4 applications for scholarships. A woman in Dodge City, Jim Kellie will be the mentor, 3 boys Peabody, Debbie McSweeney mentor, Newton, William Graham mentor, the other candidate is in Olathe will have the NE group take the application.

Had great presentations from the current scholarship recipients.

At the spring meeting will be having a plant sale Blue mist spirea 'Blue Beard' a perennial, that can grow 4-5' tall that honey bees love. The money from their sale will go to the scholarship fund.

Area Directors:

Michael Sinclair NE: Having monthly meetings

Tim Tucker SE: not present

Greg Swob NW: Getting meetings going for new beekeepers.

Ron Hopkins SW: no meetings

Cathy Richards NC: Put ad in local paper and had a January meeting 15 attended.

Jim Rowan SC: Had a meeting in May, good turn out. Would like to retire his position.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Need to vote on a South Central Director. Bill Vinduska was nominated for that position. A vote was taken and he was elected.

Debbie McSweeney was awarded the scholarship for the Master Beekeeper class from Dr Ellis.

KHPA is giving a scholarship to the spring Queen Rearing class from Dr Ellis. You must be accepted into the class then you can apply for the scholarship.

Meeting adjourned

Marietta Graham, Secretary