

Kansas Honey Producers Association

Spring 2012 Board Meeting

McPherson

Present: Steve Tipton, Joli Winer, Robert Burns, Becky Tipton, Tim Tucker, Cathy Richardson, Greg Swob, Michael Sinclair, Hester Geurin, Michael Sinclair, Cecil Sweeney

Absent: Ron and Connie Hopkins, Rocky Schmied, Jim Kellie

Meeting Called to order at 8:25pm, March 1 by President Steve Tipton.

Minutes were approved as read.

Treasures report was given by Robert Burns and approved.

A motion was made to put the money from the silent auction into the Scholarship Fund instead of the Queen Fund since there are no Queen candidates. The motion was moved and passed.

First Vice President Joli Wagner:

This meeting will be in the black but the Topeka meeting was in the red because Topeka is more expensive.

At this meeting there will be speakers and beginning beekeeper classes and are running some concurrent sessions.

The Fall 2012 meeting will be in Emporia October 19th and 20th at the Guesthouse Inn.

The Speaker will be Diane Sammataro and there will be value added talks to draw in others not necessarily just beekeepers but those that make other items.

Spring 2013 Meeting will be in Hays March 1st and 2nd.

2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents not present.

Fourth Vice President Becky Tipton:

Scholarship recipient: one present Eric Beckman will present My First Year in Beekeeping, that finishes all of the Fall 2011 recipients.

Fund Raisers: House of Bees Seed Packets, will sell for \$10.00 get for \$5.00. They are 8 packets of seeds for bee pollinators. Becky will sell at the meeting and will sell at the State Fair booth.

Grace Schmied will make fliers for Scholarship information.

How to increase Scholarship Applicants and how to get past recipients to come to the meetings. Becky will contact past recipients to fill out a survey and respond to how they are doing and if they still have bees. If they don't then ask for equipment back if they don't want to continue. Will hope to have a report next meeting.

Area Representatives:

Jim Rowan: Will be having a Club meeting May at Cheney Lake at the home of Roy and Karen Holder. Put announcement in the McPherson about KHPA meeting and got some response.

Tim Tucker: No club but has had interest in starting one hopefully soon.

ABF Delegates, 2 delegates need to be appointed from Kansas and they need to be members of AFB.

Michael Sinclair: Had lots of interest in the new beekeepers class given by Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association.

Greg Swob: 3 new members will be at this meeting. He would like to see that Area Directors are added to the KHPA web site.

Kathy Richardson: There seems to be a growing interest in bee in their district. Need to promote local clubs and to help new beekeepers.

Ron Hopkins: absent

OLD BUSINESS:

Bee yard committee: Greg Swob, Cecil Sweeney, There was a revision in the language about who gets life memberships and how to get a membership. A new criteria is now available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Master Beekeeper Class slots for the KHPA. Class will be June 28th - 30th 2012 with a fee of \$140.00. There is one spot currently available; it was moved to offer 2 scholarships. It was approved. To apply for a scholarship you must have been a beekeeper for more than 2 years and sent the president a letter by April 1 letting him know how you will benefit the club if they send you to the class. The club is only paying for the class not transportation or motel costs.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm