

Kansas Honey Producers Association
Executive Meeting
Lawrence Kansas
March 7 2019

President Jim Kellie called the meeting to order around 7pm.

Minutes from the previous (fall 2018) meeting were read, a motion and a second motion was made to approve them. All voted yes for approval.

1st VP Joli Winer: No one pre-registered for this conference even with the reduction in fees– not sure what to expect for turn out. The fall meeting will be Oct 18 & 19 in Wichita at the Best Western. The spring 2020 meeting will be March 6-9. Jim Kellie added that Hays maybe a good place to consider a meeting with new interest in that area.

2nd VP Kristi Sanderson: Brought to the table the changes and issues with the State Fair. She provided a hand out with maps of the building and exhibitors information. The State Fair has new personnel who want the KHPA to move the honey display out of the building all together or to a different location in the same building. If it stays in the building they will charge rent in the amount of \$65 per month plus insurance. The display would need to be shortened in width to fit the new location the Fair is proposing. After a discussion of pros and cons Joli Winer made a motion to keep the honey display in the same building and move it to the new location. Jim Kellie supported it, Jim Morford second the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Kristi had checked with the KHPA insurance and they do not have the display covered. She will check into the additional cost of this. The coverage and amount will be decided on at a later date.

Per the Fair committee the honey booth also needs restructuring to allow a 3 foot walk area in front of the display table or allow customers the ability walk through the booth. The board agreed it would be better to just pull the tables in 3 feet and the restructure of this would be completed at the same time as the restructure of the display.

Kristi proposed a committee be formed to move and restructure the honey display and booth. A message will be sent out asking for volunteers for the design and restructure. The Fair had given dates as to when the work could be done in April and May. The board determined June would be a better time and ask Kristi to check with the Fair for a June slot. She will send out a message when she has that information.

Kristi also mentioned there is a fork lift there to assist with the reconstruction and moving of the display.

Does the KHPA continue to hire a judge and handle the entries or do we let the fair take this responsibility? The fair compensates the judges less than KHPA does and it is doubtful they know how much work and detail goes into handling the entries. The conclusion was to let them try it and someone from KHPA would be there to assist if needed. Also let the fair compensate the judge and we will add to the compensation as needed.

Kristi mentioned the Fair budget was from \$44K to \$46K and suggested it should be kept at \$48K to \$50K as there will be extra needed for the display and booth repairs, insurance and monthly rent. There is currently \$48K in the account. A decision will be made later as to where the money will be spent.

3rd VP Becky Tipton: Dodge City presentation had big #s show up with lots of interest. Two scholarship people need mentors which will be Brian Withrow at Medicine Lodge and Mark Mounce with Stephanie Brown at Hutchinson.

Becky provided a handout from Sara Nansel who is doing research and wants 300 honey samples from Kansas. Details are in the handout. Becky encouraged everyone to get involved with sending samples.

Treasure report by Robert Burns: Provided a handout of the financial report. It was reviewed, a motion and a second motion was made to approve them and all voted yes for approval.

Meeting adjourned. Sondra Koehn, Secretary