

Kansas Honey Producers
General Meeting
October 18, 2013
Topeka, Kansas

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tipton.
The minutes were read and corrections made, then approved.
Treasurers' report was given by Robert Burns and accepted.

- 1st Vice-president Joli Winer: Thank you to everyone for attending. The next meeting will be in Hays at the Ramada Inn in February. Fall Meeting in October will be in Wichita. She would like to find 4 locations around the state that we can rotate to instead of going to new places. It was suggested that we should get 5 cities that way the spring and fall meetings will be rotated to different cities. Possibly Wichita, Hays, Emporia, Topeka, Great Bend. It was also brought up that the Ramada Inn in Hays was not in very good condition currently and Joli should check out moving the meeting. She will check into that and move the meeting if necessary.
- 2nd Vice-president Rocky Schmied (Grace reporting) Had a good year at the fair this year, good volunteers and record sales. Something new this year we did 2 cooking demonstrations at the Domestic Arts Building and passed out recipes. Afterwards people came by the honey booth to purchase honey.
- 3rd Vice-president Connie Hopkins: (left early) Will be selling promotional items and would like suggestions for what the group would like to buy.
- 4th Vice-president Becky Tipton: Have 8 scholarship applications 2 were not complete, 2 went to the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association. We are accepting 4. They are from Mays, Valley Center, Wichita and El Dorado. A mentor is still needed for the El Dorado student, Bill Vinduska will ask at the South central groups' next meeting for a volunteer.

No Old Business.

New Business:

Tim Tucker has 16 hives in his state bee yard in SE and would like someone to take them over and move them. Jim Kellie would like to move his hives since Western Kansas is in such a drought, that they are not making any honey.

Needing a new newsletter person since Hester Geurin stepped down. Greg Swob volunteered. Gary Ross will be stepping down as the State Fair exhibit director and will need to be replaced; he's willing to assist for a few years.

Elections:

North West Rep and the South West Rep are up for elections. Greg Swob for the NW and Ron Hopkins for the SW since no other nominations both were voted in.

2nd Vice-president Rocky Schmied stepped down and his office will need voted on. Nominations are Grace Schmied and Kristi Sanderson. A ballot vote was taken and Kristi Sanderson was elected.

Area Directors:

Norbert Neil South East: Tim Tucker started a new group

Greg Swob North West: Meeting in Hays Doing classes and trying to get new beekeeping training classes going.

Mike Sinclair North East: Had a booth at the Mother Earth News fair in Lawrence, did lots of talks and passed out information about beekeeping and beekeeping groups.

Bill Vinduska South Central: Have a Yahoo group with 80 to 90 members, are having quarterly meetings, next meeting will be in November.

Kathy Richardson North Central was absent.

Ron Hopkins South West was absent.

Members present 24

Meeting adjourned

Marietta Graham
Secretary