

Executive Committee Minutes  
March 9, 2017 8pm  
Topeka, Ks

Present: Greg Swob, Bill Vinduska, Norbert Neal, Jim Morford, Mark Wood, Robert Burns, Joli Winer, Becky Tipton, Chad Gilliland, Marietta Graham.

Also Present: Wanda Morford, Candy Vinduska, Cecil Sweeney, William Graham.

Absent: Kristi Sanderson, Carolyn Simpson.

A. Call to order: Greg called the meeting to order and verified a quorum.

B. The agenda was approved

C. The minutes were approved as posted on the Web Site.

D. Officers report.

- a. First VP. Joli Winer, the next meeting will be Oct 27, 28 2017 in Emporia. At the now Ramada Inn (was Knights Inn). There has been a major renovation to the motel. The Cedars in McPherson is doing a renovation, they will be done for us to meet March 9, 10 2018. Then we will meet in Great Bend for the Oct 26, 27 2018 meeting.

Dr. Yong Park from the University of Arkansas will be one of the speakers. Dewey Caron will speak at the March meeting.

- b. Second VP. Kristi Sanderson, Becky spoke for her. Please sign up for the state fair with Sign Up Genius again this year. We will also have drawings for those that sign up early again this year.

She is requesting that each state area make up postcards with their area clubs information on it so that it can be passed out at the fair.

Because of the incident at the state fair last year Greg and Kristi had a conference call with a KHPA member to discuss what happened and how to avoid repeating it. It was agreed that the person would be able to still help at the fair just not so many days.

Bee Yards There are currently 58 hives. The past fall 19 hives were lost. Splits can be made to make replacements. Equipment looks good, Robert need 8 more supers

- c. Third VP. Becky Tipton, 2nd-year youth grant recipients Olathe Boy Scouts asked the NE Beekeepers to help them to remain active since they are in that area and the grant time frame is over.

1st year grant recipients from Chanute will be at the meeting both days with 2 adults and their mentor Ron Smail, (Heartland Beekeepers) Pittsburg Group.

The other group, from Salina, that was chosen would not be allowed to keep bees after all. The Administration did not realize there were actual bees involved.

There are still hats and shirts available for sale.

- d. Treasure Report. Robert Burns, The state fair report and the general account was presented. All were accepted as presented. There were 128 pre registered for the meeting.

- e. Regional Directors

South West. Carolyn Simpson still in Arizona.

North West. Mark Wood. The meetings are not well attended, the beekeepers are scattered over a large area. Currently, have 53 members had a Beekeepers class at the Sternberg Museum and 39 showed up. The region is very dry.

North East. Chad Gilliland, Usually have 200 at the monthly meetings. Had 175-180 show up for the first day of the new beekeepers class. Second class will have live demos. Keith Delaplane will speak at this months meeting. June 3rd is this year's Fun Day.

North Central. Jim Morford. Been having more meetings. The group decided to meet every other month. Going to start a Facebook page. Area is very dry.

South East. Norbert Neal, Have several groups in the area, Garnett, Chanute, Pittsburg. Independence has a new group.

South Central. Bill Vinduska, We are having monthly meetings, Second Saturday, at the Great Plains Nature Center. There are anywhere from 30 to 50 attendees. We have a Yahoo Group and a Facebook page with over 200 members. There are usually 25-30 signed up for the new beekeeper classes. 3 members went to the national meeting in Texas.

Greg made up T-shirts with "Bee Lives Matter" and will be selling them. The money will go to charity. The Sternberg Museum has a "bee" exhibit. It is a year in the life of a beekeeper.

Gary LaGrange is talking to K State about possible beekeeping classes. The pollinator license plate is dead for now need 1000 plates for the first order, will try to get partnerships.

## E Old Business

- a. Membership enhancement. Free memberships for those taking new beekeeping classes. So far there are 112 that have signed up. Would like to have the area reps contact the new members to see if they are going to renew their membership, and what they think of the meetings. Greg is going to give new members that attend their first meeting a hive tool.

Trying to get a new member committee together, Brian Withrow has volunteered, will need 2 -3 others. Why do people come to meetings, friendship, not just for knowledge? Do we need to have more free time to visit and get to know more beekeepers and learn what a great group we have? Still wondering if the name is a deterrent, will discuss that later.

- b. Future KHPA Conferences. So do we want to change anything? Do we go to 1 day; is the drive too long for just 1 day? Do we have the meeting in a more central location? What day do we have it? Do we need to change the months we meet? There is a survey to be handed out at the meeting. Hopefully, this will help with some of the questions.

#### F. New Business.

- a. Budget, It was presented and accepted as proposed.
- b. Advertising in Cappings and on the website. Notices will be free for clubs. KHPA members with current memberships will not be charged for "items for sale" as long as it is a non-commercial ad, for beekeeping items.

Commercial ads will be 1/8 page \$10, 1/4 page \$20, 1/2 page \$35 per issue. It was moved and accepted to use these rates.

Advertising on the Website. StickerYou would like to advertise on our site. They offered a 9% commission or an 11% discount to members that buy through our site. It was decided to go with the discount to members, but the committee wanted to know who can and how the agreement can be canceled. William will check on that and let the committee know via e-mail.

- c. Pay Pal Website. Robert has been able to help straighten out the meeting registration confusion and that a majority of the registrants are using Pay Pal.

- d. Would like to see website with more pictures, update the officer information. Have more state fair information on it.
- e. Group has a facebook page but not everyone is able to post. Since it is a page and not a group. Thinking about making a new KHPA facebook group and how to save the current information.
- f. Cappings Editor. Greg will be quitting as Editor and he would like to be done by the end of the year. He is willing to help transition the new Editor.

Meeting Adjourned 11:05pm

Marietta Graham

Secretary