

**Kansas Honey Producers
Fall Executive Meeting
October 16 2014
Wichita Kansas**

Present: Steve Tipton, Becky Tipton, Joli Winer, Kristi Sanderson, Marietta Graham, Robert Burns, Jim Kellie, Greg Swob, Kathy Richardson, Cecil Sweeney, Carolyn Simpson, Bill Vinduska, Candy Vinduska

Absent: Norbert Neal, Michael Sinclair

Meeting called to order at 8pm by President Steve Tipton.

Minutes were corrected and accepted.

Treasures reports were submitted by Robert Burns and accepted. He talked about needing setting up a budget and that the state fair will be a separate budget.

1st Vice President Joli Winer: Have a great program scheduled, currently have 48 people prepaid. This could be a low year, could move the meeting to the first weekend in November. This would make the next fall meeting Nov 6 and 7 to hopefully get more attendance. The last meeting in Wichita had 100 - 150 attendees. Hope to have more registering day of the meeting.

Spring meeting will be in Manhattan at the Holiday Inn on Campus March 13 and 14
Clarence Collison will be the speaker.

The Fall 2015 meeting may be in McPherson, Hutchison, Great Bend or possibly even Dodge City. There is a new Senior Center in McPherson that has good parking and meeting room. It costs \$400 and for a small fee they will cater it. Our meetings are getting to be expensive, do we need to shift focus from the commercial to a smaller beekeeper, the hobbyist that is trying to keep going. How do you stress that this is an investment in helping you keep your bees alive and healthy.

2nd Vice President Kristi Sanderson: The fair had the biggest attendance in 16 years. There were a lot of plusses, we had lots of comb honey this year and even had a little left over usually sell out early. Robert helped with the accounting, and an inventory was taken before and after the fair. The observation hive was changed out half way through. Had a little trouble scheduling volunteers thought about using 'Sign up Genius' which is an online program. Would like to see more educational space. The honey competition costs several thousand dollars to sponsor will try to get business to help with the costs. Will try to reserve a block of rooms at the Days Inn so volunteers will be able to book one if wanting to stay over night closer to the fair. The credit card option went over well; matching vests were used this year with name tags. The spun honey was sold in plastic this year and went over well need to increase count next year. Our booth was nominated for Best Booth on the Fair Grounds in a Double Space.

A motion was made to pay Kristi Sanderson \$500 extra to help pay for her expenses occurred because of the state fair. The motion was seconded and was passed.

3rd Vice President: Position not filled at this time. Need to reevaluate position and make up a job description for the constitution (marketing, advertising the meetings?)

4th Vice President Becky Tipton: Since the scholarship program has been discontinued have been working on a new program. It will be a grant with an adult being taught and then going on and teaching a group of children. This will be a 2 year program. A draft was presented and the board made suggestions about how changes they would like made.

A motion was made that when all the corrections were made that the draft is to be e-mailed to the board for final approval before it will go into effect. The motion was seconded and was passed.

Cappings Editor Greg Swob wanted anyone that was not getting the newsletter either electronically or through the mail to let him know. Any suggestions about the layout or any thing that you would like to see different about the newsletter. He would like to see more information from the area directors and the board in the newsletter. He will try to get the newsletter sent out about one month before the meetings.

Area Directors:

NW Greg Swob: The group is meeting in even months and the meetings are moving around the area, are having good turn out to the meetings.

SC Bill Vinduska: Have had 2 group meetings and a build it day. In May they met at the Vinduskas' home had 30 or so show up, did presentations and went to the bee yard. Everyone was invited back when they were doing splits and manipulations for hands on experience. Had a meeting at the Great Plains Nature Center 50-60 showed up, had an open discussion meeting. Still have the Yahoo group, over 100 have joined.

NC Kathy Richardson: Trying to get a Clay Center group started but not having any luck.

SW Carolyn Simpson: So far have 8 or 9 members, put together a newsletter and about to do a second one. The group will get together in the next few weeks to do candy boards. Have a great group.

NE Michael Sinclair: Absent

SE Norbert Neal: Absent

The Constitution for the KHPA is in need of up dating. There was a discussion over the current wording and suggestions were made. The final draft will be made and sent to the board for approval before it is sent to the members. A discussion will be held at the Spring meeting in Manhattan about the Constitution and possibly a vote taken to approve the updates to the Constitution.

Meeting was adjourned 11:55pm

Marietta Graham

Secretary