

**Kansas Honey Producers
Business Meeting
October 31, 2015
McPherson**

The general meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers Association was called to order by President Steve Tipton at 1:30pm.

Minutes of the spring meeting were approved as posted on the KHPA website.
Treasures report available for review. Accepted as posted on the KHPA website.

1st VP Joli Winer: March 4-5 in Pittsburg at the Lamplighter Inn. There is a new club that we would like to help out. The speaker will be Diana Sammataro. There will be talks for beginning beekeepers and for the more experienced beekeeper. We will also be presenting value added secessions. The Fall meeting will be in Dodge City Oct 28-29 2016. Most meeting rooms are \$250-\$500 for the meeting, this room is \$400 and was a very good setup and had good sound, possibly come back here.

2nd VP Kristi Sanderson: Thank you to all who helped at the fair. Next fair is September 6-18. Please sign up early, there were a lot of empty spaces left at 2 weeks before the fair and that makes for a stressful time. There will be an incentive this year if you sign up early, more about this in the newsletter. A member living in Hutchison has volunteered to host some out of town volunteers that need a room so they can work at the booth. There was liquid honey left over from the fair and the NEKBA sold \$2,300 at the Mother Earth News Fair in Topeka. This weekend there will be a "Gallon Deal" 12 pound of honey for \$50 any combination of sizes. Extra honey will be stored.

3rd VP Becky Tipton: Youth Grant Program. Had 3 applications but one was not completely filled out. The board is still reviewing the applications and will notify us of the decision. Will need mentors for the program.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Elections of Officers, Up for election are the President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, Area Directors - North East, North Central, North West.

The nominating committee announced the following candidates:

President: Gary LaGrange, Greg Swob

2nd Vice-President: Kristi Sanderson

Treasurer: Robert Burns

Area Directors

North East: Chad Gilliland

North Central: Jim Morford

North West: Mark Wood

It was asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were presented so nominations were closed.

Since there were multiple President Candidates, they were asked to speak.

Ballots were passed around and the votes counted by 1 officer, 1 area director and 1 member. The following was a result of the voting.

President: Greg Swob

2nd Vice-President: Kristi Sanderson

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Area Directors

North East: Chad Gilliland

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No other new business

Area Directors:

Andy Nowachek (pro tem) North East: not present, Announced June 4, 2016 NEBA will have their Funday with Jamie Ellis as a speaker. They meet 3rd Monday of the month.

Norbert Neal South East: The spring KHPA meeting will be in Pittsburg the local group is Heartland Beekeepers. They will try to get the area groups from Missouri and Oklahoma to come.

Cathy Richards North Central: not present, Jim Morford spoke. They met at Jim's Lavender farm in March, thank you to all who showed up and make a great day. New group in Beloit, Solomon Valley Beekeepers.

Bill Vinduska South Central: Have been meeting at the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita 2nd Saturday of the month. Usually have around 40 attend. Next meeting will be November, 14. The December meeting will be a Jim and Sharon Rowan' shop in Norwich with a potluck and some demonstrations.

Greg Swob North West: Have been meeting around the area and doing some workshops. Fort Hay State University has a new beekeeping club for students on campus.

Carolyn Simpson South West: Have been meeting with the North West group.

Meeting adjourned 1:50pm.

Marietta Graham,
Secretary

November 28 2016. The EC was notified that the Youth Grant was awarded to Stringtown Bombers.