

**Kansas Honey Producers Association**  
**Fall 2012 Board Meeting**  
**Emporia**

Present: Steve Tipton, Joli Winer, Robert Burns, Becky Tipton, Cathy Richardson, Greg Swob, Jim Rowan, Ron Hopkins, Michael Sinclair, Connie Hopkins, Rocky Schmied, Jim Kellie, Cecil Sweeney

Absent: Tim Tucker, Hester Geurin

Meeting Called to order at 8:40 pm, October 18 by President Steve Tipton.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasures report was given by Robert Burns and approved.

**First VP Joli Winer:**

Hoping to get Diane Sammataro for the spring 2013 meeting. There was a misunderstanding about speaking at this meeting. The spring meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with the officers meeting February 28<sup>th</sup>. Possible meeting locations are Hays, Junction City, and Abilene. Will try to have a program with more information for new beekeepers.

**Second VP Rocky Schmied:**

State fair sales were up from last year and prices were a little higher. Passed out more handouts, had added extras like value added products (BBQ sauce, honey horseradish sauce, infused honey, creamed honey, soap, lip balms) and educational materials. People asked for pollen. The comb honey was hard to get, had to buy from Iowa. He thinks that if members have their product selling at the fair then they should have their label on it. The customer wants to know where in the state the honey is coming from so want to label what yard it is from.

Grace wants banners/ signs for the booth. She's checking with the fair board to see what can be done. Need people at the honey exhibit to talk to the crowd and point out the booth. Would also like to do some kind of cooking demonstrations in the Domestic arts cooking classes.

The America Honey Queen was at the fair. We were only responsible for meals and lodgings; she stayed at the Schmied camper and ate at the fair with food tickets. So the expense was minimal.

Tony Powers provided and cared for the observation hive. It was a good crowd draw. The booth needs freshened up some, needs better crowd flow, space for educational materials and needs to be more efficient in assembly and take down. Will talk to Darryl Boesker about his ideas for making changes.

Would like to see some money spent on the bee yards for improvements, as much as \$1,000 per yard, there are 4 yards. Cecil Sweeney and Jim Kellie will see what is needed and have a report for the next meeting. Jim Kellie has a KHPA brander for the equipment.

**Third VP Connie Hopkins:**

The queen fund has just under \$3,000. Can do hats in the spring again, are out of shirts but still have some licenses left.

Will have a silent auction both days but the funds will go to the scholarship fund since no queen candidate. It has been hard to get any applicants; most girls are just so busy. Even the national groups are only getting 5 or 6 applicants.

Wondering if a queen is really necessary, and maybe just do away with that part of the program since we've only had 3 or 4 queens in the last 10 years. Make the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP a marking (promotional) position? It will take a change to the bylaws so she will bring a draft to the spring meeting to be voted on. The state prison has a 'sewing' program for the inmates and they can embroider shirts and caps inexpensively, so will check into the cost.

**Fourth VP Becky Tipton:**

Have 4 scholarship candidates this year. One is from Olathe, so will try to have NE beekeepers take that one. The other 3 are from Dodge City, Newton and Peabody. Have mentors for them.

**Area Representatives:**

**Jim Rowan:** Had a May meeting and it went well.

**Tim Tucker:** Absent

**Michael Sinclair:** Nothing new to report

**Greg Swob:** Lots of new beekeepers having a meeting in the fall to teach for spring.

**Kathy Richardson:** Put an ad in the local paper and 15 showed up to the Jan meeting.

**Ron Hopkins:** Nothing new to report

Old Business: None

New Business:

We are in need of a new web master, will ask at the general meeting. Jim Kellie might be able to do it.

Jim also mentioned that the face book site is doing well and growing.

Meeting Adjourned 10:15pm.

Marietta Graham  
Secretary

Added note Michael Sinclair has the Whoie Stick do back Spring 2013 meeting. Jim Kellie has the Magic hive tool do back Fall 2013.