

Kansas Honey Producers

Executive Meeting

October 27, 2016

Hays

Present: Greg Swob, Kristi Sanderson, Chad Gilliland, Becky Tipton, Joli Winer, Marietta Graham, Robert Burns, Mark Wood, Jim Morford, Norbert Neal, Carolyn Simpson,

Absent: Bill Vinduska

Also present: Cecil Sweeney, Wanda Morford, and Brian Brown

Meeting Called to order at 8:00 pm by President Greg Swob

Agenda was presented

Minutes were read and approved

Message from the President: Greg presented some membership updates, he contacted some non renewed members and when he attended other group meeting he encouraged them to join the KHPA. He has copies of the survey that was on the web site for those who haven't filled it out yet and will pass out at area groups meeting.

First VP Joli: Having some trouble with the Whiskey Creek Grill it is under new management and there is an off site caterer.

The next meeting is in Topeka March 10 and 11. Keith Delaplane will be the quest speaker. The theme will be "The Second Year of Beekeeping and Beyond". We will be at the Ramada Inn Downtown, since not as many members are attending; the meetings are more expensive since we aren't able to negotiate the meal costs. The meeting room is \$200 a day. It has been 4 years since we last met in Topeka, we will have some state officials speak and we will have a tour of the capital with all the renovations.

Fall 2017 meeting will be October 27 and 28. Will check out the Cedars in McPherson for the fall meeting. The Mother Earth News Fair is October 21 and 22.

The following was discussed to help increase membership

We could include the cost of becoming a new member in the meeting fee, to encourage repeat attendance at the next meeting.

Possibly have more meetings, but make them one day. Have the fall meetings at more regular place and then rotate the spring meetings. Price structure has been redone to help with cost of the meeting. Last few meeting there have been fewer than 100 attending, with more on Friday than Saturday. Have one large meeting at a different time of the year, maybe January or February then have smaller events several other times through the year like 4 one day workshops. We need to think of the pros and cons of changing the meeting set up.

Another possibility to help with membership would be to give anyone that attends a new beekeepers class a free 1 year membership to KHPA, if they receive the newsletter electronically, so there would be no cost to the group.

More will be discussed at a later time.

Second VP Kristi: Handed out the State fair inventory sheets. Had some honey to sell from the state yards this year. Books don't sell very well only new beekeeper books. Sold soap and lotion in 2 different spots, need more area club and local beekeeper information. Could print up "postcard" size information cards, can get them printed for 10 cents each.

Will be drawing for the fair volunteer prizes at the meeting.

Wednesday before the fair while setting up the workers got everything done so didn't need the Thursday workers to show up.

Bee Yard Cecil: In the spring had 7 yards with 60 hives. This fall had some losses now 45 hives. The yards produced a little over 1000 pounds for the fair. In 2015 none was produced. Hope to get the hive numbers back up, Jim Morford and Gary LaGrange have new yards.

Third VP Becky: Have 4 grant applications: A home school family, a 4H group in Graham County, a Youth Center in Chanute, and a Youth Residential Center near Salina. The grant is not for a family if the home school coop would apply, then we could consider the application. Need to read and think about the applications will check into finding mentors in those areas. Let her know soon.

Year 2 groups. The Boy Scouts from Olathe, Brown's Busy Bees, and Springtown 4-H group will be giving presentations.

Some of the grant recipients are not attending the meetings and if they do show up it is to only give presentations and then leave. It is important that the group attends the whole weekend so a motion was presented.

“Any Youth Grant recipients that are NOT represented at the KHPA meetings will immediately forfeit their hives and equipment”

The motion was seconded and passed. The new wording will be put in future contracts.

There are still shirts for sale.

Treasurer Robert: It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer’s report as posted.
Motion passed

Committee Reports:

By Laws Committee: Becky Tipton Chair, Constitution edits were made and submitted to the membership, a vote will be taken at the general business meeting.

Best Practices Committee: no report need more volunteers both Kristi and Joli agreed to be on the committee

Membership Committee: the committee will be to help make the KHPA a more robust group by contacting the local clubs to see how we can help them and how to get their members to join, come to and participate in meetings.

New Business:

KHPA Constitution Amendment: The Bylaws committee has the proposed changes to the constitution. Becky will present the changes at the general meeting in new business, so that there can be a vote taken.

Officers Election: The nomination Committee will oversee this portion of the general business meeting.

Logo: Do we want an official logo? It was decided to go with the Beehive with the circle around it as the logo.

A member requested that the first weekend in November be set as a permanent fall meeting date. The EC decided not to do that since we are thinking of changing the meeting dates.

No other business

Region Director Reports:

-SW, Carolyn Simpson- The area did not get much rain this year, but people are interested in buying honey. The SW area is trying to focus on mentoring not just meetings.

-NW, Mark Wood- NW Region is really spread out. Had a better year with more rain, great yellow and white clover blooms. Have more interest in beekeeping now that the drought has lessened.

-SC, Bill Vinduska- The group has a name change to the Great Plains Beekeepers. There are usually 35 to 40 members present at the meetings. They are held at the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 1pm. We now have hives at the Nature Center. There will be a potluck November 12 at the Rowan's honey shop in Norwich. We have a Facebook page and a Yahoo Group with 200 members.

-NC, Jim Morford- Had 3 meetings this year with good crowds. The last meeting they did a live demo with oxalic acid. There were a number of people and they are trying to get a local group up and running.

-NE, Chad Gilliland- The group has 641 members with 75 to 100 attending the monthly meetings, which are the 3rd Monday of the month at the Douglas County Fair Grounds in Lawrence. We have 7 youth scholarship recipients. The group has a quit that is being raffled.

-SE, Norbert Neal- Had Sharon Dobesh give a presentation 60 showed up. Several new clubs are starting up. What can we do to promote the KHPA meetings, maybe give out coupons at the state fair with a % off the fee or membership?

Meeting Adjourned 11:35 pm

Marietta Graham

Secretary

Next meeting March 9, 2017 8:00 pm Topeka