

Kansas Honey Producers  
Great Bend  
October 25, 2018  
Executive Meeting

Present: Jim Kelley, Candy Vinduska, Joli Winer, Kristi Sanderson, Becky Tipton, Robert Burns, Norbert Neal, Jim Morford (representing NC), Marietta Graham.

Also Present: Wanda Morford, Cecil Sweeney, Stephanie Brown, Mark Mouse, Steve Tipton, and Cheryl Burkhead.

Absent: Chad Gilliland (Who later joined us by phone), Julie Cahoj, Bill Vinduska, Mary Hammond (resigned), Ron Hopkins (resigned)

Meeting called to order 8pm

Agenda presented

Minutes read and approved

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Joli:** Next meeting March 8-9 2019 in Lawrence at the fair grounds. There is a full kitchen so will have dinner on Friday and be able to serve our own snacks and drinks. The fall meeting will be October 18-19 2019 in Wichita.

How do we get more people to preregister? Preregistration helps with the meal count. Currently 40 some are registered, expecting 70 at the meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Kristi:** Had a good fair. Jim and Stephanie stepped up and helped out when I had to leave do to mom's health issues.

The rental house, Airbnb, went well. Was able to rent some of the extra rooms to members working at the booth. The judge, Ginny Mitchel, stayed there so the cost was about the same as a motel it was closer to the fair so could go there and rest. We will be using Airbnb again next year.

There is a new building manager, we might need to change booth if the managers follow the "rules" strictly. There is also a new fair board manager who still needs to talk to Kristi about the honey judging area.

The honey show went well more exhibitors than last 9 years. The new category Black Label had 18 entries. The liquid honey sales were down; maybe sell it cheaper, make more into creamed honey (those sales stayed the same). More people helped bottle the honey this year so it went much faster.

Ginny Mitchel our judge for the honey entries said she would stay and give demo's on how to improve you entry if we wanted her to so that it might boost entries , She would need a space to use.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP Becky:** There are 2 good applications. Prairie Hills School in Hutchinson it is for grades 6-8. Stephanie Brown and Mark Mouse will be the mentors.

There is a 4H group that applied that will need a mentor.

There was an individual that applied. We can only accept applications from a group.

There are still hats for sale. The extra honey from the state fair will be for sale.

Bruce Gibson the Extension Agent from Dodge City would like someone from KHPA to teach a class. He would like it to be a 2 hour presentation between now and Jan. We will find someone to do that.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Regional Directors:

South East Norbert Neal: nothing to report

North East Chad Gilliland: (on the phone) had a successful bee day at Lawrence

South Central Candy Vinduska: Have been meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month at the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita. Had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Bee Fest it was held in Maize.

Old Business:

Getting state approval to sell honey on stores without needing a licensed kitchen.

The Ag Board would make this very hard to get. It is easy to get a license to an inspected facility. Other states that are allowing this are starting to tax the beekeepers more. We will revisit this more in the spring.

New Business:

Elections for the South Regional Directors and Secretary. A new web master needs to be found.

Excess money from the State Fair. What can we do with the money made from the sales at the State Fair? There is about \$5000. Help supplement the cost of the meetings, make a pamphlet "Help the Bees" about how to better use pesticides so not to kill the bees, to give to lawn and garden shops. Promote beekeeping in general, new beekeepers just want to help the bees and don't feel the need for classes.

Kristi will check the exact amount of money that is available and try to have it available for use at the spring meeting. Will discuss more ideas at the next meeting.

California is now requiring "ant" free certificates for bees you are taking there. We have no state inspector to help with getting any certificate for moving bees over the state lines.

#### Constitutional Amendment:

##### Article Submitted:

"A member of the Board may be removed with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the elected members of the Board if in their judgment the best interest of the Organization would be served thereby.

Any member of the Board can be removed for cause including, but not limited to, non-performance of assigned duties, conflict of interest, misusing funds of the Organization, committing fraudulent activities, disclosing confidential information to the public, bullying, or sexually harassing or making sexual advances to other members."

After discussion a motion was made: To vote to proceed with implementing the motion into the constitution. A vote was taken and the motion did not pass. No action was taken.

##### Bee Yard Reports:

Steve Tipton, 6 hives made splits to get to 10, made 132 pounds total.

Kristi Sanderson, 8 hives, made splits some died, will combine to 4 and split in the spring, got 2 buckets of honey.

Stephanie Brown, 2 hives lost 1 will split in the spring, has observation hive bees.

Robert Burns, 6 hives caught a few swarms, made 3 supers of comb and 3 buckets of honey.

Cecil Sweeney 10 hives 600 pounds of honey total.

Meeting Adjourned 10:11pm

Marietta Graham, Secretary