

**Kansas Honey Producers
Spring Executive Meeting
March 13th 2014
Hay Kansas**

Present: Steve Tipton, Becky Tipton, Joli Winer, Marietta Graham, Kristi Sanderson, Michael Sinclair, Bill Vinduska, Candy Vinduska, Jim Kellie, Kathy Richardson, Robert Burns, Greg Swob (arrived later), Cecil Sweeney
Absent: Norbert Neal, Connie Hopkins, Ron Hopkins

Meeting called to order at 8:30pm by President Steve Tipton.
Minutes were approved as printed.
Treasures report was submitted by Robert Burns.

1st Vice President Joli Winer: The meeting rooms for this meeting are free if we had the meals included. Fall meeting will be October 17th and 18th with Executive meeting Thrs night 16th at 8:30pm. Gary and Ginger Reuter will be presenting the programs. Joli, Cecil, Steve and Becky will be going to Wisconsin to present programs at the state meeting there. They are able to trade the Reuter's for the speaker's fees so KHPA will only be charged for travel, lodging and meal expenses. The Mother Earth's Fair will be October 25 and 26.

2nd Vice President Kristi Sanderson: Had a small workday at the fair grounds, cleaned addend shelves and castors. Looking at getting vests so everyone will look the same. The biggest concern is volunteers will need 3 or 4 shifts, trying to decide how many people are needed for each shift. Will need help calling volunteers, Marietta said she could help. Would like to have volunteers at the judging area to answer questions. Will have sign up sheet sent around the meeting. A new bank account was opened with Commerce; they have more branches and one in Hutchinson.

3rd Vice President Connie Hopkins: Connie has resigned and will need to be replaced. Will discuss getting a replacement at the general meeting and exactly what the position will be since no honey queens. Promotions/ advertising?

4th Vice President Becky Tipton: Scholarships, We have 2 girls from one family apply. Greg will mentor. Mike Conklin will mentor Becky Bailey, Sharon Rowan will mentor Joe Dewey, need a mentor for Josiah Beal El Dorado and Megan Milroy in the North West. Becky is concerned about the students not coming to the meetings. Wondering if we should support local clubs by letting them be in charge of granting scholarships with KHPA paying for it. Or give the hive to the mentor and let them decide when the student is ready to take it over or if they don't want bees after all. Maybe giving the grant to a group like FFA ,4H, Boy Scouts, etc, and have someone mentor the group or possibly have an applicant go to the meetings and meet with a mentor for a year before being issued a hive.

Bee Yard Cecil Sweeney: Jim Kellie needs to have his bee yard moved since the drought has effected production. Greg will take over the 16 hives. Tim Tucker is giving up his bee yard.

Area Directors:

North East: Michael Sinclair, Beginning beekeeper classes next 2 weekends, 205 have signed up.

North Central: Kathy Richardson, Had beginning beekeepers workshop good turnout will follow up with (potluck?) meeting.

South Central: Bill Vinduska, Had 2 meetings Oct. and Feb. they last about 5 hours. Have been doing a presentation with questions and answers. Will be doing a new beekeeper class in March and April with 1 secession in the classroom and 1 in the bee yard. In June Larry Conner will be teaching a queen rearing workshop at the Vinduska's home with a max of 24 students. Will probably do another meeting at the apiary. Have a yahoo group with about 80 -85 members.

North West: Greg Swob, He thought that the local FFA group was interested in learning beekeeping but it didn't work out. Has 2 scholarship students and they will be at the meeting.

As the Cappings Editor wanted any comments on how it was written up. Will have an issue which focuses on the State Fair, will try to have 4 issues a year. One just before each meeting.

South West: Ron Hopkins has stepped down and a replacement will be found at the Business Meeting.

South East: Norbert Neal was absent.

New Business:

Gary Ross will be stepping down as coordinator for the State Fair honey judging.

A motion was made to suspend the current scholarship program after 2014. To be replaced by a different scholarship program. The motion passed.

No Old Business

Meeting Adjourned 10:20pm

Next Meeting Thursday October 16th at 8pm

Clarion Inn 5805 West Kellogg, Wichita

During the banquet the Hooey Stick was auctioned off Robert Burns won it for one year.