

Kansas Honey Producers Association Business Meeting
Saturday March 7, 2020 - Hays Kansas

Becky Tipton called the business meeting to order on the afternoon of March 7th, 2020.

A reminder was given that the financials and the minutes from previous meetings are posted on line for review.

1st VP, Joli Winer asked that we keep ideas coming for speakers and topics. The board has decided to have the next 3 meetings in Wichita. Two speakers for the October meeting will be Liz Walsh from Texas A&M and Tammy Hornpotter from KY.

2nd VP, Kristi Sanderson spoke about the fair which will be Sept 11-20th and the 9th and 10th will be set up days. There will be 3 x 4 hour shifts per day and the sign up genius will go live in June so everyone can sign up for a shift. Honey sales will be honey from state bee yards. If anyone is interested in caring for state hives you are given 2 hives to care for and a lifetime membership. Please contact Cecil who is the coordinator for the state hives.

Becky reminded everyone to place entrees in the State Fair.

3rd VP, Julie Cahoj met with the grant program groups that morning. The groups need to be self –perpetuating with new younger members. She asked everyone to keep looking for groups and schools in our areas. Lauren is helping to get the apps on line. The guidelines for this program are on the website.

Jim Kellie spoke that the legislative report has bees removed from the legal list as livestock. This is a concern for the future of bees not to be listed as we do not want to lose being part of agriculture.

Julie Cahoj is heading the constitution committee as well as bee keeper of the year. There will be a form on line for this hopefully by April 1st after it has met approval.

There was no old business to discuss per the question raised and none brought forth.

New business – President Tipton brought up that we need ways to increase new membership. Jolie Winer suggested at the fall meeting we comp the attendance fees for one new person per club that attends from each region. Take this back to our local clubs and regional meetings and promote this. Motions were made and supported by all in favor.

Steve Tipton and Joli Winer suggested maybe we have a breakout session for new beekeepers at our meetings. Becky Tipton reminded everyone that she will gladly road trip to speak at meetings and events. She also wants to reach out to Ag Extension Agencies and make presentations at their meetings. This would a great 1st line of defense for bees in Ag. Amy Dikeman has connections with the Agency and will try to make the connection happen. Another suggestion was made that the conservation districts have a contest using a poster from kids to bring people in.

Name tags for members need redoing. Kristi Sanderson will be responsible for this. We are open to ideas and if you want one please let Kristi know. The cost will be around \$10 each.

Motions were made and supported by all to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Sondra Koehn
Secretary