

Kansas Honey Producers Association

Business Meeting Minutes 3/5/2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by President Becky Tipton, at the Courtyard by Marriott, Salina, KS. The meeting was attended by those present for the spring KHPA Meeting.

Minutes were read from the 11/6/21 fall business meeting. A motion was made to approve them and supported by all.

Treasurer's Report:

Robert Burns reminded everyone that the financial reports and meeting minutes could be reviewed KHPA website. He also, reported the association is financially in the black and there were 138 registered members last fall.

First Vice President's Report:

Greg Swob thanked the committee for helping him get the Spring conference put together. He encouraged everyone to submit questions and topics for future meetings as well as any speakers we would like to have. He asked the group if they liked the hotel and if we should meet there again. The comments were positive, and it was agreed to meet at this same location.

Second Vice President's Report:

Kristi Sanderson reported she will need volunteers for the State Fair starting Sept. 5th to set up the booth. Contact her by email or use signup genius. She also, encouraged we submit entries to the fair or the association loses their money and gave a listing of the classes. For encouragement, the KHPA will pay for the \$1 entry fee. For more detail information contact her. She reminded us we can have a lifetime membership if we donate a new complete hive kit and a package of bees which will be used in the state hive yards which in turn provides the honey sold at the State Fair.

Third Vice President's Report:

Julie Cahoj reminded us that the KHPA offers a grant program for groups that want to start a set of hives. It is for youth groups and 4H programs but is also open to other organizations in the community, regardless of age. The application can be found and completed online. Please spread the word to your local communities.

Cappings Editor:

Cheryl Burkhead encouraged everyone to email her with articles and information for the Cappings letter. If you are a registered member, you should receive it by email. Contact Robert Burns if you are not receiving it so he can update your information. Next letter will be in May.

Legislative Committee

Jim Kellie gave a Legislative update in the morning agenda but added that part of food legislation is about collecting taxes and that we should contact our area legislative representatives.

President, Becky Tipton reported the GPMB (Great Plains Master Beekeepers) are wanting to have teaching apiaries across the state. She will advise when the dates and locations for these classes are confirmed.

Area Directors Reports:

Northeast: Jo Patrick was not in attendance, no report

North Central: Nikki Bowman hopes to get back on schedule after covid and plans to have the next meeting in May at the Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina. They have hives on location so there will be a live demonstration.

Northwest: DeeDee Gebhart is new at this role but is meeting people and will take any advice.

Southeast: Tiny Jackson was not present, so no report given

South Central: Jane Kill was not present, so no report given.

Southwest: Amy Dikeman, district is now combined with the northwest region to make one western region so is joined with Greg Swob and Julie Cahoj.

Old business: None reported

New business: President Becky Tipton presented that Julie Cahoj had taken on the task of reviewing the Associations Constitution and By-Laws making some much needed updates to revise practices with procedures, including grammar and spelling. The board met, reviewed, and agreed upon the updates that were made. There were 2 most noted changes. The first being the combining of the Northwest and Southwest districts into one Western region for combining resources in less populated areas. The second change was making the Cappings Editor and the past president voting members of the board. The changes were published in the Cappings 30 days prior to the meeting as required in the Constitution. These changes need a vote by showing of hands from 2/3 majority of members present. There were no questions or suggestions, so a motion was made by Robert Burns to vote on the changes and 2nd motion by Jim Kellie. The group voted with full support for these changes.

Meeting was adjourned, by President Becky Tipton, with a second motion from Kristi Sanderson

Minutes submitted by: Sondra Koehn