

**The Kansas Honey Producers Virtual Fall Meeting
And Virtual Honey Show
Friday, October 23, 2020**

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The board has taken the action for The Kansas Honey Producers to hold their fall meeting via Zoom. The details are still being ironed out but here is what we know:

Please note that there will be a separate mailing/email about the meeting that will be sent in September. At this time please set aside the date of Friday, October 23, 2020.

This will be a one-day meeting and the cost will be \$12.00 for both members and non-member (though it is our hope that non-members will join). You must pay the registration fee if you plan to attend the Zoom meeting or view the video of it at a later time, you will not have access to the video unless you have registered for the meeting. Also please note that not all our guest speakers may agree to be videotaped.

We must have your email address to communicate with you about the meeting and you must install Zoom on either your cell phone, computer, or tablet. If you do not get ***The Cappings*** by email but would like to be updated and get the Zoom meeting link by email please let Robert Burns, our treasurer, have your email address so that you can be notified. His email address is rburnshoney@gmail.com.

I am thinking that this would be a great way for us to do some videos of some aspects of our operations. I would like for us to do some value-added presentations so if you have any ideas, please let me know. I may be able to add some guest speakers since this will be a zoom meeting. Board members have been asked to do a video showing their extracting systems.

Virtual Honey Show

We are working out the details of a virtual honey show, but you must be registered for the meeting to participate. Watch the www.kansashoneyproducers.org website for final details but here is the jest of it. Ginny Mitchell, our state fair honey judge, has agreed to be the judge. We are only going to have 4 categories:

Extracted honey-2 1 lb. glass Queenline or Classic jars

Creamed honey-2 straight sided glass jars 8-12 oz.

Beeswax block -1 – 1 lb.

Black Label-2 oz. in an opaque jar (minimum needed 2 oz. but not more than 8 oz.)

Judged on taste only

Judging by Ginny will be held on Wednesday night, October 21st via Zoom (the link will be made available to registered participants later), which will offer an additional learning experience. Those who want to participate will be responsible for sending their entries to Ginny and they will need to be postmarked by October 9th. Entries that you want returned, will need to include mailing instructions and money to send them back to you. KHPA will not be responsible for entries damaged during shipping. Winners will be announced during the meeting on Friday, October 23rd. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st prize \$20.00, 2nd Prize \$15.00, and 3rd prize \$10. A \$40 prize will go to the winner of the Black Label Honey. No additional awards will be given.

Complete details will be available in the September mailing of the program and online at the Kansas Honey Producers website at www.kansashoneyproducers.org as they become available.

We are still working out the final program, but our guest speakers are:

Dr. Thomas D. Seeley is the Horace White Professor in Biology at Cornell University. He is based in the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, where he teaches courses on animal behavior and does research on the behavior and social life of honey bees.

His books include *Honeybee Ecology* (1985), *The Wisdom of the Hive* (1996), and *Honeybee Democracy* (2010) and *Following the Wild Bees*

His topic will be *The Bee Colony as a Honey Factory*.

We will examine how a colony of honey bees operates as a factory that produces honey efficiently despite tremendous day-to-day swings in the supply of nectar, the raw material for making honey. An important feature of the organization of the honey production process is a division of labor between the nectar foragers, elderly workers who toil outside the hive collecting the nectar, and the nectar receivers, middle-age workers who toil inside the hive converting the nectar into honey. We will see how the bees can boost their colony's rate of nectar collecting during a honey flow, using the waggle dance and the shaking signal. And we will see how the bees can also boost their colony's rate of nectar processing—to keep the rates of nectar collecting and nectar processing in balance—by means of the tremble dance and stop signal. In this talk, he will show videos of bees producing all the signals mentioned above: waggle dance, shaking signal, tremble dance, and stop signal.

Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Walsh –Liz's dissertation research primarily focused on in-hive pesticides, such as active ingredients in miticides, and how they impact queen health, physiology, and behavior. Liz is currently a postdoctoral researcher at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, where she is working with Dr. Steve Pernal on diagnosing honey bee stressors.

Dr. Tammy Horn Potter: In 2014, Potter became the KY State Apiarist. Her primary goals as apiarist are to document hive health, promote economic development, and provide education and outreach. To date, she has partnered on a USDA grant to promote pollinator and cerulean

habitat in Eastern KY, a USDA-APHIS Honey Bee Health Survey grant director on Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, and been awarded the 2010 North American Pollinator Protection Advocate Award.

Tammy is quite the author she has blazed a trail across literary and beekeeping circles in 2005 with the publication of "***Bees in America: How the Honeybee Shaped a Nation***", a masterful compilation and study of fact, folklore and history of the honey bee. She followed with ***Beeconomy : What Women and Bees Can Teach Us about Local Trade and the Global Market*** (University Press of Kentucky, 2011) exploring the relationship between women and bees around the world along with the impact and potential of the female aspect intrinsic to beekeeping. In 2019 she wrote **Flower Power: Establishing Pollinator Habitat**.

The next two meetings will be held in Wichita (unless the board decides to hold them virtually) at the Best Western North in Wichita. Mark your calendars for the future meetings:

Spring 2021 Friday and Saturday, March 5 & 6 2021

Fall 2021 Friday and Saturday, October 22 & 23 2021

Virtual Question and Answer Session-Sunday, October 11, 6:00 pm

Join us on Sunday, October 11th at 6:00 pm for a Virtual Question and Answer Session. Send your questions to Becky Tipton at bstbees@embarqmail.com. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions through the chat room during the zoom meeting. We plan to have members available to answer your questions. If you do not get ***The Cappings*** by email but would like to be updated and get the Zoom meeting link by email please let Robert Burns, our treasurer, have your email address so that you can be notified. His email address is rburnshoney@gmail.com. Consider this your "practice" meeting so that you can make sure that you understand how to log in on zoom and how to use it!