

Kansas Honey Producers
General Meeting
October 28, 2017
Emporia

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Swob Oct 28 at 4:30pm.

Officers were introduced.

Minutes: A motion and second was made to approve the minutes as published on the website. Motion passed.

1st VP Joli Winer: Had a last minute hotel change. The next meeting will be March 8 and 9 in McPherson at the Cedars. They are remodeling but should be done before then. Thinking about having a fellowship evening after Friday night at the Prairie Rose Chuck Wagon will check more into the cost. The fall meeting will be October 26 and 27 2018, in Great Bend. The committee will be making the arrangements.

2nd VP Kristi Sanderson: It takes all of you to run the State Fair Booth. Thank you for all you have done to make that possible. The next fair is Sept 5-16 2018. I will need lots of volunteers. Will have Sign Up Genius and phone calls will be made to get the help. Education takes place at the fair; we have posters, a hive, and live bees. There is also an Ag Passport Program that has 3 bee questions the school children need to ask. We have gotten complements on the friendly people that work the booth and they are willing to share information. Even though fair attendance was down a little the profits were up a little. Liquid honey sales were down but value added products, creamed honey, soap, lotion, sales were up. I really enjoy doing the fair booth and could not do it without all your help.

3rd VP Becky Tipton: This is the 4 year in the grant program; we are getting feedback about how many young adults go on to keep bees. We had 2 very good applications for grants this year, Lucky Stars 4-H in Jackson Co and Rock Creek 4-H in Cowley Co. The Executive Committee has approved both groups for grants.

Regional Directors:

SW: Carolyn Simpson has stepped down since she is no longer to make the meetings. It was reported that the mailing list is growing there is a Facebook group. They are doing joint meetings with the NW group. Seward County College would like to start a Beekeeping Club.

NW: Mark Wood There was a meeting last spring, it is hard to meet since the membership is so scattered.

SC: Bill Vinduska There is a growing active group that meets at the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita. It meets the 2nd Sat of the month. November meeting will be the potluck in Norwich. There will be no December meeting. We have a Facebook group. We had a Fun Day outside in May, there was a good turnout. The Nature Center has 3 hives we go out and look at them before the meetings. We put on our first Bee Fest in Sept there were 75 attending. Had speakers from OK and KS, we are planning on having another one next year.

NC: Jim Morford Have been trying to get group to have regular meetings. The meeting where you get into the hives are always the best attended. There is a Facebook group NC KS Beekeepers.

NE Chad Gilliland Had a beginning beekeeper class in the spring 170 attended. There was the annual picnic in Topeka Gage Park, Bee Fun day with 345 showing up. The group has around 560 members. It takes a lot of work to organize events and he appreciates all that help. The youth scholarship auction was moved up a month to get away from the holidays. The meetings are at the Douglas County Fair Grounds in Lawrence the 3rd Monday of the month.

SE Norbert Neal had to leave early.

The KHPA web site has a new survey about Varro Mites please fill it out. A group of members have been working on trying to get a retail honey sales law. They will have to work on legislation changes.

The winners of the Goodie contest were:

1st place Cheryl Burkhead with Baklava, 2nd place Marietta Graham Honey Power Balls, 3rd place Stephanie Brown Honey Gummy Bears.

Old Business:

A Cappings editor is needed Greg will be stepping down after the December issue. Stephanie Brown volunteered to take it over.

The ABF will be held in Reno Jan 9 -13 2018 and we need 2 delegates.

Elections:

President: Jim Kellie

Treasurer: Robert Burns

2nd Vice Pres: Kristi Sanderson

North Regional Directors:

Ron Hopkins South West

Julie Cahaj North West

Mary Hammond North Central

Chad Gilliland North East

The above were voted in.

Meeting Adjourned

Marietta Graham, Secretary