

## Executive Committee Minutes

March 8, 2018

McPherson Kansas

Present: Jim Kellie, Joli Winer, Robert Burns, Becky Tipton, Kristi Sanderson, Julie Cahaj, Chad Gilliland, Marietta Graham, Mary Hammond

Also Present: Cecil Sweeney, Steve Tipton, Clive Hammond, Stephanie Brown, Andy and Wendy Nowachek

Absent: Ron Hopkins, Bill Vinduska, Norbert Neal

Agenda was presented

Minutes were read and accepted

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Joli: There has been a nice turn out for this meeting. The next meeting will be Oct 26-27, in Great Bend. The meeting committee has discussed having more extended talks/workshops. There will be a Queen rearing, mead making, soap/lotion workshop. Gary and Ginger Reuter will present and probably a few others. Spring of 2019 no plans as of yet.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Kristi: Fair booth for 2018, premiums, rosettes paid for. Contracts signed. The fair board had some questions about the storage area behind the honey judging display. Kristi will check into getting more information from past members that acquired and made the display, to prove we had an understanding with the past fair board to permanently have that area. Jim Morford will help coordinate volunteers this year. There will be a new category this year the Black Label, will judge honey on taste only. Provide 1 pound honey with will be covered some way so as not to see the honey. 1 winner only and must have entered 2 other categories.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Becky: There is a teacher in Emporia that is doing a camp and wants dead bees. A beekeeper will be found that can help her get bees. Joanna Voit is writing a grant and wants information from beekeepers about how neonicotinoids have affected them.

Treasures Report: Robert Burns: Motion to approve the report. Passed.

New Business:

Jim will talk with the Extension Agent to see if Sharon is still working there, or who is there to help us.

Judy Wu will start up the Mid-West Beekeepers Certification Program.

There were some questions about license plates for farm vehicles. If you have a 1 ton or larger vehicle then you can get a farm tag to eliminate the DOT requirements.

State certification for food processing. It is very easy to be certified and it could be a lot more difficult for beekeepers if we try to get a "law" for selling to third parties without a commercial kitchen. So this will not be pursued.

There needs to be a way to help spread out the work it takes to get ready for the state fair. Bottling and labeling honey, making soap, lotion bars, and creamed honey we will need more volunteers to help with this part.

Jim Morford would like to give up his state yard. Hopefully find a place that can make honey.

Where should we go for the meeting after Great Bend? Salina, Junction City, Wichita. Maybe stay in McPherson and only more 1 meeting around the state?

Meeting Adjourned 10pm

Marietta Graham

Secretary KHPA