

**Kansas Honey Producers
Spring Executive Meeting
March 12th 2015
Manhattan, Kansas**

Present: Steve Tipton, Becky Tipton, Joli Winer, Marietta Graham, Kristi Sanderson, Michael Sinclair, Bill Vinduska, Candy Vinduska, Kathy Richardson, Robert Burns, Greg Swob, Cecil Sweeney, William Graham, Andy Nowachek, Wendy Nowachek, Carolyn Simpson
Absent: Norbert Neal, Jim Kellie

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm by President Steve Tipton.
Minutes were read and approved.
Treasures report was submitted by Robert Burns.

1st Vice President Joli Winer: The fall 2015 meeting will be at McPherson October 30, 31. We will not be meeting at a hotel but at Cedars Senior Community. They will do meals for us there. The hotel will be Holiday Inn Express and a block of rooms will be held for \$109, regular price is \$159.
The Spring 2016 meeting will be at Pittsburg, March 4, 5 a new group has formed and we will be going there to help support them. Diana Sammataro will be a speaker. Am trying to make the meetings more small/ hobby beekeeper friendly to help them succeed. The NE group will be sharing the cost of the speaker fees with KHPA since the NE has a new beekeepers class Sunday and the speakers will be staying over for that.

2nd Vice President Kristi Sanderson: The fair is September 11th - 20th need volunteers from 9th - 21st. Booth rental was paid have 3 spaces which is just over \$3000 also paid \$720 for parking passes and entry tickets. Have 2 people in mind for honey judges. Last year had several volunteers work several shifts to help fill holes.
State Yards- Tim Tucker's bees from his state yard will be split between Steve Tipton and Robert Burns's state bee yards.

3rd Vice President None at this time

4th Vice President Becky Tipton: Youth Grants- there are 5 applications, the applications were passed around. We will need to spend about \$1200 for each group that is accepted and we will be able to do 2 grants this year. After discussions it was moved and passed that the Abilene group and the Boy Scouts group in Olathe be given the grants this year. And it will be announced at the general meeting. There was a 6th application that only needed protective equipment for 10 children which would be about \$350. The NE group volunteered to cover that cost since the group was in the NE area.

Area Directors:

North East: Andy Nowachek (filling in), club has about 600 members having a Beginning Beekeepers class the next 2 Sundays 225 have signed up, more expected as walk ins. The NE are giving out Scholarships something new this year they are having the potential recipient (child) and the parents come for an interview seems to be a positive step. Last meeting in Lawrence had a soap making/ beeswax processing value added class approx 100 attended. A lot of after meeting visiting. This summer will be the Fun Day Chip Taylor and Marls Spivack will speak, lots of activities with people from several states attending.

North Central: Kathy Richardson, Will be meeting March 28th at the Morford's Lavender Farm. There is a Spring fair at Claycenter and am looking into having a booth there.

South Central: Bill Vinduska, Had a December meeting in Norwich at the Rowan's shop. Norman Schmidt presented "Chemistry of the Hive" and there was a talk about Long Hives with a hive that the speaker had built. There were 65 present. In February we met at the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita. Had a presentation about a trip to Uruguay, there was a demo and discussion on candy boards. There were 2 new beekeeper classes held at the Great Plains Nature Center had 20 students, will be doing classes again in April. Went to Oklahoma and gave a presentation to a club there with over 180 members. The Big Bee Buzz meeting will be held in 2 weeks in Oklahoma around Tulsa.

North West: Greg Swob, Been having meetings around 20-30 attending. Meeting even months, 3rd Saturday, different locations. At the April meeting they will be making splits, talking about spring buildup and have some show and tell. Those attending don't want a formal club just have simple meetings.

South West: Carolyn Simpson, Have been going to the NW meetings, since not able to get an organized group. Individuals have been going to schools to give talks.

South East: Norbert Neal was absent.

New Business:

The Constitution will be voted on at the General Meeting. It was mailed out by first class mail the end of January, will need a 2/3 majority by hand vote.

Andy Nowachek was appointed temporary North East Rep till a new one is elected at the Fall 2015 Business Meeting.

No Old Business

Meeting Adjourned 10:00pm

Next Meeting Thursday October 29 at 8pm at the Holiday Inn Express in the breakfast area.