

**Kansas Honey Producers
General Business Meeting
October 17, 2014
Wichita Kansas**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tipton.
The minutes were approved as posted on the KHPA website.
Treasure report available for review. Accepted as posted on the KHPA website.

1st Vice President Joli Winer: The cost of speakers, meeting room, airfare rates have gone up a lot. Knowledgeable and experienced speakers cost money, that is why the meetings cost so much.

Next meeting will be in Manhattan at the Holiday Inn on Campus March 13 -14. Clarence Collison will be the speaker; he is a writer for Bee Culture and does the What Do You Know articles. This will be a great meeting; we haven't been to Manhattan in several years.

The fall meeting will be in November. The choices in meeting locations will be McPherson, Great Bend, Hays or Hutchison. Does anyone have any suggestions for future meeting topics?

2nd Vice President Kristi Sanderson: Big thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the fair. It was great fair, best attendance in the last 16 years. Our booth was nominated for the Best Booth on the Fair Grounds in a double space. Sales were very good this year, we took credit cards for the first time and it went well. The 2015 fair will be Sept 11-20 and the theme will be Fried in Joy. I will try to use 'Sign up Genius' to schedule volunteers to help work the booth.

3rd Vice President: Position currently unfilled.

4th Vice President Becky Tipton: Saturday some of the current scholarship kids will present their "Year in a Bee Yard". Thank you to all the mentors.

The Scholarship program is going in a new direction. It is not an individual program now it will be a grant program for associations like 4H, FFA, schools. The Board is putting together a plan; we will check on legal liability and make sure the wording is correct. When it is ready, it will be published in the Cappings and on the website, so let groups know to be looking for it.

Area Directors:

NE Michael Sinclair: Absent, It was announced that Dr Marla Spivak will present at the Fun Day in June.

SE Norbert Neal: Heartland Honey, a new club, started in Pittsburg; the first meeting was Sat 18th.

SC Bill Vinduska: The club has been fairly active 2 meetings one at the farm with presentations on top bar hives, tips and tricks, cleaning wax. We had a build it day, another meeting was at the Great Plains Nature Center had about 40- 50 show up for an open discussion. Have a Yahoo group with over 100 members

SW Carolyn Simpson: The group is really just getting started but there several members. Put out a newsletter and will be making candy boards first part of November. Some of the members sold honey and other products in Scott City at the Whimmydiddle craft fair.

NW Greg Swob: Having their meeting in even months and are moving the meetings around the area. Group is having a good time.

NC Kathy Richardson: Have new groups in the area one in Manhattan and the other in Beloit.

Joli announced that She, Cecil, Steve and Becky will be glad to help area groups with talks if any are needed.

BeeYard Report: Cecil Sweeney reported that the hives owned by the association were from members that became life members by donating a hive which then pays for their association dues. The honey produced from those hives is sold at the state fair. There are currently 3 yards, a 4th one is being rebuilt. Greg Swob has a yard with 16 hives and it produced 425 pounds of honey. Cecil has 10 hives that produced 660 pounds, Kristi Sanderson has 6 hives that made 100 pounds. If the bee yards do not make enough honey to cover all that is sold at the fair then extra honey will be purchased from members. If anyone is interested in becoming a life member please contact Cecil.

Cappings Editor: Greg Swob would like to know if anyone is not receiving a newsletter and if you have any suggestions or changes that you think will improve the newsletter just let him know. We are trying to e-mail the newsletters so please let him or Robert Burns know you would like to receive it electronically to help save on costs.

Old Business: None

New Business: The KHPA Constitution and By Laws are getting updated. It will be published 30 days before the next meeting in the Cappings, on the website and mailed to members; there will be discussions and voting. It will take a 2/3 vote to pass, so please plan to attend the general business meeting. The Executive Committee will be making a yearly budget.

We will need to re-elect officers. A motion was made to re-elect all current officers. There was a second and the motion was accepted.

Meeting was adjourned.

Marietta Graham, Secretary