

Kansas Honey Producers
General Business Meeting
March 13, 2015
Manhattan, Kansas

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tipton at 1:35.

The minutes were approved as posted on the web site.

Treasures report was submitted by Robert Burns.

1st Vice-president Joli Winer: Thank you to everyone for attending. Have the next 2 meetings scheduled. Fall meeting will be in McPherson Oct 30-31, at the Cedars Senior Community Center. The Holiday Inn Express Hotel will have rooms blocked off for those dates. The Spring 2016 meeting will be in Pittsburg March 4 -5, there is a new group starting up in the area. Diana Samataro will present and there will be break out sessions. Please sign up for topics and any speakers that you would want.

2nd Vice-president Kristi Sanderson: State Fair is September 10 -20. Will need volunteers from the 9th to the 21st. We will need to empty the storage area and set up the booth, unload and label honey, and the last day we need to pack up. Please sign up with days you can work.

3rd Vice-president: empty

4th Vice-president Becky Tipton: New youth program Grant has started. The focus is on youth groups with an adult mentor that the KHPA mentor will teach for 2 years. There were 5 applications all had varied ideas and good applications. The Executive Committee made a decision for 2 groups to be given the Grant. One is the Olathe Boy Scout Troop 225; they helped with the NE Funday and really got excited about bees. The other recipient is from Abilene and is a past scholarship recipient that will be working with the 4H and a local Senior Citizens Center. Thank you to all who helped out in the silent auction as the funds raised there will go to the Grant Program.

Area Directors:

Kathy Richardson North Central: March 28th the group will meet at the Morford's Lavender Farm other wise not much else going on.

Norbert Neal South East: absent

Greg Swob North West: The group is growing have 22-35 attendees, meetings are even months on the 3rd Saturday at different locations. Wanting to start a Face Book page or a Yahoo Group soon.

Andy Nowachek North East: Appointed by President till have fall elections. Group has 600 members, with about 100 attending the monthly meetings. There will be a new beekeepers class the next 2 Sundays. Funday will be in June.

Bill Vinduska South Central: First meeting of the year was at the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita. Had a presentation on a trip to Uruguay and how things are done there compared to here. Gave an intro to beekeeping talk and 30 attended. Will be giving a new beekeepers class in April and early May

Carol Simpson South West: Have put together 6 or so newsletters for the area, most beekeepers in the area are attending NW meetings.

Area Beekeeper Groups: Gary LaGrange from the Kansa Beekeepers. There were 65 members that started the group and now there are over 200 members. They meet at the Zoo the 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. The Zoo made a commercial kitchen for them to use.

Beloit has a new group Solomon Valley and Pittsburg has a new group.

Old business: None

New business:

Voting on whether or not to accept the new KHPA Constitution. All voting members should have gotten a copy. Becky Tipton talked about the changes that were made because the constitution was out of date and needed more than just a few changes. It was revised to include communications electronically, change the scholarship programs, made changes to who is on the Executive Committee and when the election of officers are held. The new constitution will need to be voted on and accepted by a two thirds vote with a show of hands. Changes could not be made today if it doesn't pass then changes will be made and resubmitted for vote.

Joli Winer made a motion that we accept the constitution as written. A second was made and a vote was called. By show of hands 51 yes and 0 no. Motion Passed.

Joli Winer made a motion to nominate Becky Tipton to 3rd Vice President. There were no other nominations. Vote was taken and passed.

No other new business.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08

Marietta Graham
Secretary