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## The Official Newsletter of the Kansas Honey Producers Association

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Promoting Mankind's Most Beneficial Insect - The Honey Bee!

### Special points of interest:

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### The Legislative Committee 2022 by Jim Kellie

Our Annual Kansas AG Summit meeting is being held August 18<sup>th</sup>. This time it is in person in Manhattan. Honey bees are too small of an Ag industry to have their own special meeting like the Beef, Poultry, Dairy, Soybeans, and Wheat groups. Instead, we will be in the specialty Livestock division meeting, with Emus, Quail, Lamas, and Goats. August is also a tougher time for Honey Producers to attend, since central and western Kansas beekeepers are usually in full swing harvest. Since I am in the semi-retired division, I can afford to lose one day. Mostly it will be an awareness day for the beekeeping industry, talking to whoever we can about bees, honey, and pollination. We also will be making ourselves known to the media, Dept. of Ag, and since it is an election year, we may run into a few poli-

ticians as well.

At our fall meeting, the Kansas Honey Producers board will be meeting and giving the legislative committee goals for the next year. There are some huge mountainous issues we continue to chip away at, although it seems to be a shovel at a time.

I wanted to bring special attention to our 3rd Thursday Zoom series. These are a value-added zoom series and if you are a member, you can attend and also have access to the archives to review past presentations. Joli Winter, who is in charge of the programs, was able to get the Dept. of Weights and Measures, along with the Dept. of Food Safety to talk about certified processing areas. They will cover what is needed to be certified to sell your honey in stores. Weights and Measures

will talk about what is needed on your container of honey when selling to the public. Also, since honey is sold by weight, they will do education on how that effects your measures in containers. This is a great opportunity to get correct information instead of someone guessing on a social media post. I have seen this question many times on different social media posts and most of the time with wrong answers given. KHPA is able to adapt to the beekeepers that rely on social media to learn by presenting these programs. We are very thankful for Joli volunteering to keep this series running.

This is an election year for state legislature, so don't forget to bend their ear about Agriculture and how the honey bee is the most important for the polli-

nation of Kansas crops, grasslands, urban gardens, and of course for all that delicious HONEY!! See you at our convention this fall.



## Participate in the Kansas State Fair

The largest event in Kansas is fast approaching. On September 9-18, the fairgrounds in Reno County will be full of vendors and fair goers. There are lots of livestock shows, open area concerts, marching bands, and new crazy foods to try; just to mention some the activity that takes place. Kansas Honey Producers need your help. Starting Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30, we will start setting up the sales area and clean up the display area for the honey show. The goal is to have all honey and honey-related products labeled and ready when the fair starts at noon on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Our state yard operators will have harvested and bottled the honey their hives have produced and will bring it to Hutchinson for labeling. This is a good time of socialization and catching up as we work together to get ready for the fair. Once the fair starts, we need beekeepers of any experience level to man the booth and answer questions about beekeeping as well as sell our products. This year we have 4-hour shifts and you will be provided with an entry ticket at guest services on the days when tickets are required to enter the fairgrounds. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ADA82BABF49-2022> is the link to the signup genius program to volunteer for the days and times that work for your schedule. You can also go to [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) and do a search using the creator's email which is [sandersonk09@gmail.com](mailto:sandersonk09@gmail.com). The title of the signup is 2022 Kansas State Fair. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Hutchinson!

## Enter Your Honey

Last year was a really down year for the honey show, we only had 6 entries in the honey show. Let's make this a great year and show off our Kansas honey at the show by filling up the shelves with frames of honey, jars of honey, beeswax entries, gift baskets, and comb honey. All honey entries remain the property of the exhibitor so you will get your entries back. If you need assistance in getting your entries to or from the fair, contact Kristi at 913-768-4961 via text or phone. It's not too late to submit your entries online. You have from August 1-15 to submit entries. There is a \$5 late fee and a \$1 fee per entry. If you wait till the 16<sup>th</sup> the late fee jumps to \$25. No entries will be accepted after the 27<sup>th</sup>. If assistance is needed to enter online, call the fair office at 620-669-3626 Monday-Friday from 8AM-5PM. To encourage participation, KHPA IS REIMBURSING you the \$1 fee per entry for every entry you bring to the fair. We have a great honey judge from Ames, IA coming to judge. You will receive your score sheet and if needed comments will be left on how you can improve your entry for the next show you enter. If you place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> there is premium money awarded as well as a ribbon. To enter honey in the Black Label class, 2 other classes must be entered. Black label honey is judged on taste only and the judge doesn't even get to see the color of the honey. If your honey is judged the best tasting, you have bragging rights that your honey is the best tasting in the state of Kansas. This year we have ordered a special ribbon that really stands out in addition to the premium money. Consider entering the honey show and competing with other Kansas beekeepers.

Kristi Sanderson, 2nd Vice President

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Becky Tipton

Walk through your bee yard on a warm August night and the aroma of honey floats by in tantalizing tendrils of sweetness.

But we don't pull honey at night. Today was a sultry 99°F with a humidity of over 70%. It was brutal! I'm not sure the low will fall much below 80°F tonight so our early-morning start tomorrow will be just as hot. Beekeeping is not for the faint of heart. You must have the courage to face the bees, but you must also have the fortitude to face the weather.

Safety should always be a primary concern in the bee yard and this time of year, it is even more critical. We admonish beekeepers to always wear their veil because of the danger of sting/swelling that could impede your breathing. That is an accepted risk for beekeepers.

The risk of heat illness is very real and of important concern to anyone working outside--beekeepers. Heat exhaustion happens when your body's heat regulation system stops functioning correctly. This is usually the result of a hot/humid environment coupled with hard work. (Those honey supers are heavy!) Heat exhaustion symptoms include: dizziness and/or confusion, dehydration, nausea and/or vomiting, extreme sweating, pale clammy skin, headache, rapid heartbeat. It is hard to make yourself work in these conditions. Heatstroke is a severe form of heat exhaustion. This happens when your body's core temperature goes above 104°F. This requires immediate medical attention and can cause permanent organ damage and even death. Along with the above symptoms, add flushed red skin, fainting or seizures, shortness of breath, and a fever of 104°F or greater. If you think a person is experiencing either of these conditions, take IMMEDIATE action to get them cooled.

Let's think of how we can avoid either of these extremes while beekeeping. First, try to do your bee work in the coolest part of the day—early morning. Although we advise new beekeepers to plan to work bees mid-day to avoid the field force, when the day begins at 80°F, the field force has departed, and the bees won't be cranky. We must wear protective clothing. There are a lot of choices and although you may want a medium amount of protection while pulling honey supers, you may not need as much protection as you think. The bees will probably be busy flying. Have additional protection available but start with the minimum you think will suffice. Under my bee jacket, I wear a tank top. I almost never have bees bother my ankles, so I never bother with boots. I frequently keep a cool wet towel around my neck and to wipe away dripping sweat. You can even bring a second wet towel in a cooler to exchange and provide additional relief. And, of course, WATER. If you forget your water, go home and get it. Do not substitute anything with caffeine. If you like sports drinks, they are fine but so is water.

Extra safety precautions: MAKE SURE SOMEONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE WORKING. Does someone know the exact location of your bee yard? Check in when you start working and when you finish. Better yet, take a bee buddy with you. The little time it takes between an uncomfortable situation and a critical situation is very short. Make sure you keep your cell phone with you and keep it charged. Every 911 EMT would rather make a dozen heat ex-

haustion calls than a single fatality because someone didn't want to bother them.

A friend I know is now using a little battery powered neck fan. Cute as a button! She says it really cools her neck and face—a very important area. She says it's a little noisy and she doesn't really like it when she is working bees because she can't hear them hum but for pulling honey, it's a real relief.

Becky Tipton, President

## News from Northeast Kansas

Honey harvests began in July. Mite tests and treatments will need to begin quickly for colonies to go into winter healthy. Those who have practiced Integrated Pest Management will continue to monitor for mites. Northeastern Kansas beekeepers are watching food stores and will need to feed in some areas. Above average temperatures in late June and July reduced bloom times and nectar secretion. A summer dearth is in full swing.

Heavy spring rains followed by dry conditions and high temperatures have caused some damage to trees and shrubs that were in marginal locations or not established yet. Root systems were not able to adjust to extreme conditions and will result in losses that may not be seen until next spring. This could affect future honey crops.

Late summer signals fair time. Our local county fairs are wrapping up. The State Fair, in Hutchinson, concludes fair season. Volunteering at the KHPA booth offers a great opportunity for members to contribute their time and knowledge. Those who have never volunteered do not need to be apprehensive about it. Second Vice President, Kristi Sanderson, has the booth well organized, labeled, and stocked. Upon arrival, a quick tutorial from her and you're ready to sell and talk to visitors about beekeeping. Answering the many honey bee and beekeeping questions from visitors is half the fun. If greeting the public isn't for you, helping to set up and break down the booth is always appreciated. I have fingers crossed that Brian Withrow's Creamed Lemon and Ginger Honey is still available when I arrive.

Youth scholarship students have had mixed results with their first colonies. Several had queen issues while others have been harvesting already. Those who couldn't participate in a county fair will be preparing an entry for the State Fair.

Jo Patrick, Northeast Region Representative

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## North Central Region News

Hello Bee Friends!

The North Central Region beekeepers met at Rolling Hills Zoo on July 10th. We had beautiful weather to inspect the two hives together.

Those hives are invaluable for addressing little issues that rarely come up in discussion, like how to deal with brood in your honey super in the Spring. We did a sugar roll varroa mite test on the stronger hive and discussed treatment options if the mite count should rise to the treatment threshold.

Our group always creates a bit of a spectacle for the zoo visitors during these inspections, with some beekeepers suited up in the hives with a smoker, some watching from the public walkway, and others relaying information in between. Walking a brood frame over for kids to look at is an excellent way to make a quick impression and do a little education about bees, especially when you have a

cooperative queen who shows herself.

Our next meeting will be at Rolling Hills Zoo, Salina, on September 11th at 2 pm. Our meetings are informal, free, and last about 2 hours. All are welcome to join us!

Nikki Bowman, North Central Region Representative

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## News from Western Kansas

It was hard to give the girls time to settle in. I wanted to watch everything they did but I knew they needed a few days to get organized before I barged in for the first time. I walked to the bee yard and peeked through the fence daily. I walked around the hive when the weather changed and put my ear to the box to see if I could hear them buzzing in their hives. I questioned if I had killed them all when I wouldn't see much activity. I texted the experts about how normal this was. After the first couple of days, I checked to see how much syrup they were consuming which told me they were fine. Each of my hives was consuming equal amounts of syrup so I had a timeline to check the food supply.

As the winds refused to subside for any length of time, I was amazed at how busy they were and I am really glad I built the fence. The wind blows only about half the speed on the inside of the fence.

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, I carried hangers for my suits and screws for the fence to the shed. It had been a rough week and I needed to do something positive to equal out the crazy. I decided to check their syrup and do my first solo inspection. I don't know if it's the case with every newbie but I was a little nervous. It took me a minute to get organized. I lit the smoker but for some reason it refused to get going. As I opened the first hive, I remembered that I needed to put everything back just how I found it. I took a pencil and numbered my frames. The first two came out clean with one or two bees working on them. The next three frames made me smile. They were covered with bees and capped honey and pollen. The last two frames of the eight frames were empty. These bees were uniform in their work with the same depth and consistency in their comb. I added a quart of syrup and then buttoned everything up. So, with hope in my heart, I smoked the second hive. I checked and saw that they were consuming less syrup. This made me a little worried but when I removed the inner cover I found very industrious bees. The comb was more artistic than orderly. Connections between frames; some thicker than elsewhere with tunnels. What should I do? My hive is open. I was sure I had read about this but my memory was weak today. I knew I needed to remove the excess and make the hive more uniform. I just dove in and sliced off the lumpy parts and tried to do as little damage as possible. Unfortunately, that was how I saw my first pupae - one or two popped off with the excess comb. As I removed the excess, I saw dripping honey; a beautiful golden syrup. I didn't know if it was better to put it in my container or on top of the inner board. I made the mistake of just tossing it in the container and some of my bees jumped on it. How then was I to get the bees off of the sticky wax and back into the hive? During this little bit of chaos, I saw how small a new bee is compared to the foragers. How big the drones are compared to everyone else and how the color of the pollen was a deep rich orange-red. I picked all of the bees off the sticky comb and slapped the lid on the container and then buttoned up the hive. I could have spent another hour observing the bees in their habitat.

After waiting a couple of weeks, I did a second inspection and I gained a new frame full of capped comb and one of new clean comb with pollen. I am so impressed with my girls. There weren't nearly as many connections between frames in either of the hives. At this point, everyone looks happy and healthy. I am watching closely anticipating the time I can add a new box of frames. It's time to start building again.

It's now August. I just can't believe it's time to go back to school! Yesterday morning, I went out to visit the hives and do an inspection in the cool of the day- if you can call 80 degrees cool. There was a lot of motion around the hives. I believe they were trying to get the hard work of gathering pollen and nectar finished before the heat of the day.

There are very few blooms compared to a couple weeks ago. The grasshoppers have finished off any hollyhocks that persisted at the top of their spikes. I let the wild sunflowers grow and even water them for the bees. They hide the unsightly piles of wood around the place until fall. It's a win-win for me and the bees. I have Russian Sage and Black Hyssop growing in the front and some oregano still blooming. The only wild blooms in the field nearest me are bindweed and milkweed thistle. I am sure that the girls are much better at finding what they need.

DeeDee Gebhart, West Region Representative

## South Central Region News

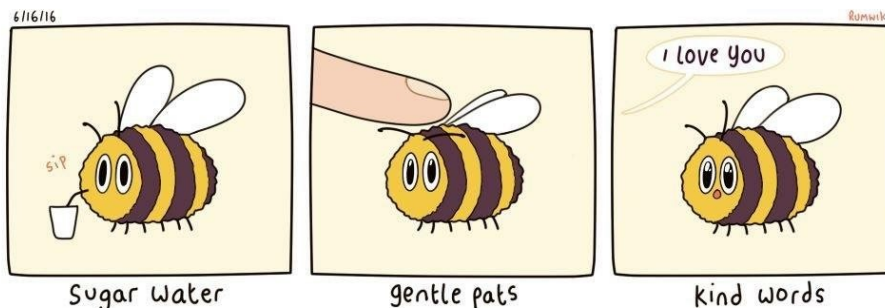
In South Central Kansas our flow has been average. Our weather has been hot and dry. The Great Plains hives have two supers on. They were filling up pretty quickly. We are hopeful this last rain will help the soy beans so the bees will fill up their honey supers. I planted Texas Lilac, Butterfly bush, Desert Willow, Bee Balm, and Lamb's Ear and have seen my bees visiting all of them.

Jane Kill, South Central Region Representative

## News from Southeast Kansas

Our Beekeeping Swap Meet & Farmers Market will be this Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 5 pm at Kelley Park in Burlington, Kansas. It's free to all vendors and guests. No live bees. Call me for details. I've been working with 3 new beekeepers; one in Anderson County and two in Coffey County supplying knowledge and equipment. I will not have a honey harvest this year. It's been really dry and there are very little roadside flowers. My CRP did not bloom. I have an out yard 25 miles from home that is doing a bit better. I haven't cut my grass since June 10 and the cracks in the ground are so big I think I could have a 10-inch rain without any run-off.

William 'Tiny' Jackson, Jr., Southeast Region Representative



## Western Kansas Hive Dive

While cleaning up wind damage caused by a spring storm, a property owner discovered a bee colony located in one of the damaged trees. Beekeepers, David and Kaya Bose, of Oberlin, KS, came to the rescue of the property owner and the bees. They successfully removed the tree with the colony intact, coaxed them into a hive body, and placed it at one of their existing apiaries.

Julie Cahoj, 3rd Vice President



## Great Plains Master Beekeeper Program



Are you in the Master Beekeeper Program with the Great Plains Master Beekeepers? Because of the University privacy policies, they are not able to share your information with us. If you are in the program, we would love to get in contact with you. We have set up some teaching bee yards around the state and we would be able to test you for your “at the hive” work. There will also be some volunteer opportunities for you. Please contact Joli Winer by email, phone or text. Email [joli@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joli@heartlandhoney.com) or phone or text at 913-593-3562.

## Spicy Chicken Fingers with Hot Honey



4 C pretzel twists, roughly crushed  
 1 t. garlic powder  
 1 t. onion powder  
 1/2 t. smoked paprika  
 Freshly ground black pepper

2 large eggs  
 2 T hot sauce  
 2 Lbs. boneless chicken tenders  
 Olive oil

### HOT HONEY

1/4 C honey, 3 T butter, 1 t. cayenne pepper, 1/4 t. chili powder, 1/2 t. smoked paprika  
 Combine first 5 ingredients. Whisk together eggs and hot sauce. Add chicken to egg mixture, turning to coat. Shake extra off the chicken. Dredge chicken through pretzel mix. Place on baking sheet, do not crowd. Mist with oil. Bake at 425 for 15 minutes, turn and bake another 5-7 minutes till chicken is crisp. Meanwhile, combine hot honey ingredients, cook and stir until butter is melted and sauce is warm, 2-3 minutes. Serve chicken with sauce on the side, also can serve with Ranch dressing and honey mustard.

## Third Thursday Value-Added Getting More \$\$\$ With Your Hives

These new, free, virtual, Value-Added programs will be presented on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm via Zoom. It is being sponsored by the Kansas Honey Producers Association as part of our membership drive. If you are not a member, please consider joining by going to <http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org/>. If you have never registered for the Zoom presentations, go to <http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org/> to register. Please do not re-register if you have already registered! Membership is \$15 per year. You will receive an email before the programs with the link to register. If you registered before, or are a NEKBA member, or a KHPA member, you will receive the link each month, but it may ask you to register again.

These programs are being recorded and will be available on our <http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org/archives.html> website, or the 'Archives' page.

Please note topics are subject to change.

**Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** -Food Safety- When Do You need a Certified Kitchen and what are the requirements. Also, Weights and Measures will tell us about the labeling laws.

**Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>** - Rich Weiske presents Pollen and Propolis—the other gold from your hive.

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** -Healthier with Honey- Making Kombucha, Elderberry with honey Syrup and Jelly's and Jams with Honey.

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**-Holiday gifts from the Hive- Making Beeswax Wraps, Hot Honey, Honey Butter, Honey Caramels and more!

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** -Developing a Food Product and Taking it to Market- K State Food Science Institute and Louann Hausner- Cooking with Honey .

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**- Cleaning Beeswax, Making Dipped Candles and Beeswax Starters.

**Thursday, February 16, 2023**-Queen Rearing and Making and Selling Nucs, Jim Kellie Presents

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**- Agritourism and Bees-

These programs will be recorded and will be available on our

[www.kansashoneyproducers.org](http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org) website.



The following proposed changes to the by-laws will be voted upon at the Fall 2022 KHPA Conference. UNDERLINE PRINT = INSERT OR ADD; ~~LINE THROUGH WORDS~~ = STRIKE OUT.

1. Submitted by Kristi Sanderson 1<sup>st</sup> VP KHPA Executive Board  
Article VIII-Bee Yard Operation Guidelines Section 6

CURRENT WORDING: Repairs, replacement of bees, new queens or other maintenance expenses will be discussed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and/or State Bee Yard Coordinator prior to any action. These expenses shall be funded through the KHPA State Fair Account. Any anticipated repairs should be included in the annual Fall report presented to the KHPA Executive Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: ~~Repairs, replacement of bees, new queens or other maintenance expenses will be discussed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and/or State Bee Yard Coordinator prior to any action.~~ Normal annual expenses such as queen replacement and approved mite treatments will be reimbursed with an invoice submitted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Replacement of equipment or bees needs to be discussed and approved with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and or State Bee Yard Coordinator prior to any action. These expenses shall be funded through the KHPA State Fair Account. Any anticipated repairs should be included in the annual Fall report presented to the KHPA Executive Committee.

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2. Submitted by Kristi Sanderson 1<sup>st</sup> VP KHPA Executive Board  
Article VIII-Bee Yard Operation Guidelines Section 13

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3. Submitted by Kristi Sanderson 1<sup>st</sup> VP KHPA Executive Board  
Article IX- KHPA Life Membership Criteria Section 1b

CURRENT WORDING: All woodenware must be commercially manufactured and be in NEW, UNUSED CONDITION. Exterior surfaces must be latex primed and painted white or other light color. Any alternative exterior finish must have the approval of the State Bee Yard Coordinator.

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Hive location:

(Approximate location/address/GPS coordinates of hives/driving directions/landowner contact info).

He/ She agrees to manage hives using best practice models to keep the hives healthy and as productive as possible. Production from managed hives will be divided as described above. He/ She shall permit an inspection of KHPA hives/yard by the 2nd Vice President, State Yard Coordinator or other appointed officer as deemed necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

State Yard Operator

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

2nd Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

State Bee Yard Coordinator

Bee Yard Report for \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

- Number of hives in production \_\_\_\_\_
- Pounds of honey produced \_\_\_\_\_
- Pounds of honey provided for State Fair or association/KHPA use \_\_\_\_\_
- Comb or other hive products produced \_\_\_\_\_
- Empty equipment (list): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated needs for next season (wood ware, foundation, bees, queens):

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IF ADOPTED THE CONTRACT WILL NO LONGER BE PART OF THE KHPA BY-LAWS. IT WILL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

# Fall 2022 KHPA Conference

## Friday/Saturday, November 4 & 5, 2022

Courtyard by Marriott, 3020 Riffle Dr., Salina KS. (I-135 @ Schilling Exit) 785-309-1300. Rooms have been reserved at a reduced rate of \$109.00. Make your reservation by October 14!

Check the KHPA website for announcements and updates – [www.kansashoneyproducers.org](http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org) – Register online at KHPA website: \$70 per person for both days, lunch, & banquet dinner Friday along with lunch Saturday included. You are welcome to sit in at the Executive Committee meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd at 8:00PM.

**IMPORTANT! Be sure to bring some items for the Silent Auctions.** Thanks to your generosity, these auctions are how we fund the Grant Program. **Starts Friday, November 4, 2022, at 8:45 AM** and concludes the following afternoon. Our actual timeline of presentations is still in the working stages, but we have a great lineup of presenters and topics.

**Katie Lee, PHD of the University of Minnesota** will bring us 3 presentations: Do Healthy Queens Lead to Healthy Colonies? \* Univ. of Minnesota Bee Lab updates \* Varroa Biology & Management. I can personally attest that her energy and knowledge are great attributes which you will enjoy.

**Randy Oliver, Scientific Beekeeping:** The Latest in the World of Varroa Mite Control. We enjoyed Randy at our 2017 Spring KHPA conference and he is an incredible asset to the industry. Due to a conflict, he cannot join us in person but will present by Zoom.

**Garrett Morris, Rolling Hills Zoo Horticulture Director/ KHPA member:** Trees as Pollen/Nectar Sources. Garrett is one of our own and has blended beekeeping into the zoo which has become a favorite stop for Rolling Hills Zoo visitors.

**Allen Amor- American National Property & Casualty Insurance** – Insuring Your Hobby/Business. Allen will help us understand why insurance may be a wise management tool & what to look for in your coverage.

**Jim Raders, Dadant of Iowa:** Bee Feeders- Feeder Types - Their Pros & Cons. Jim is a regular vendor at our meetings and who would be better to speak on the subject? Dadant offers a huge selection of feeders. As the region's customer contact, Jim will share what he has heard as the good, bad & ugly about all their products.

**Jason Graves, KSU Horticulture Extension Agent:** Pollinator Plants for Continuous Food Sources. Jason is out of the Central KS District and has a lot of experience with plantings.

**Brian Withrow**, Spring Creek Honey, one of our KHPA members will work with the newer folks on properly assembling equipment. Or as we tongue in cheek say – 'don't forget the glue'.

**Mini Sessions: Nikki Bowman:** Using a Refractometer (Is my honey ready to extract?) \***Greg Swob:** Package vs Nuc (to help you decide which is better for expanding or starting your hobby \***speaker tba** Incubator Kitchens in KS (You do not necessarily need to invest in a commercial kitchen of your own).

**Jesse Maiden, Kansas Dept. of Agriculture** – When is a State Inspected Kitchen or Food Processing Facility Required? How to go about establishing one?

**Region Group Gatherings** – meet and discuss regional happenings and issues with one another. Northeast, Southeast, Northcentral, South Central, & Western Regions of Kansas.

**Jim Kellie** – Legislative Update.

**KHPA Business Meeting** – Officer reports and election time! Interested in an opportunity to serve your fellow members? Let us know through the website 'Contact Us' section to get your name to the Nomination Committee. Come on... you can do it! Even to volunteer on a committee to learn how the association works.

**Banquet – Ron Wilson – Poet Lariat of Kansas!** Lariat- you read that correctly. Down home stories and cowboy poetry. I am confident you will enjoy this evening. Don't forget the special fundraising live auctions at the banquet! An old item or two that we have not seen in a while will come out of hiding for you to temporarily 'own'.

KHPA's Grant Program benefits from these auctions, silent and live.

As always – please feel free to send me suggestions for topics, special speakers. This is YOUR conference, so please help us make it truly yours. [gswob@mwenergy.com](mailto:gswob@mwenergy.com) , call/text me at 785-623-3533 office or 785-639-7766.

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