

Kansas Honey Producers Association Meeting
Oct 7, 2021 Zoom meeting

Present: Becky Tipton, Joli Winer, Robert Burns, Brenda Seader, Julie Cahoj, Nikki Bowman, Kristi Sanderson, William Jackson, Cheryl Burkhead and Stephanie Brown Absent: Chad Gilliland, Sondra Koehn, Amy Dikeman, Jane Kill

Summary of the meeting: Full details are on a recorded Zoom meeting.

Becky Tipton:

The main concern of this meeting is how we spend our grant money and is there a better way to utilize this money.

Julie Cahoj, what is our goal with this money? Set the goal and work backward from there.

After some discussion it was decided to open the program up to more than just youth programs. We should reach out to adult and senior programs, like garden and nature clubs. Try this as a pilot program for a year and see how it works, then vote on it and change the bylaws if we want to continue with it. Julie will continue to update the application and put it online since it was dropped during Covid.

Julie asked the group who she should reach out to, and it was suggested Master Garden Clubs, Master Naturalists, Native Plant Societies and Extension agents.

Becky asked do we sponsor 1 or 2 hives? It was supported to keep it at 2 hives for comparison, plus the tools and maybe 2 suits instead several suits for the class.

Jolie asked about the new groups presenting at our meetings. Yes, they should present as it holds accountability and lets the association know what their money is paying for.

Stephanie report that the Hutch elementary group now has 5 hives but did not get their ownership award due to Covid. Lauren has the Coffey County group, per Tiny, Lane Knight stepped in to help them, there is Victor's group and need to confirm Brian Winthrop's group.

Tiny Jackson asked what is the cost of a one hive setup? \$750 per one hive set up so \$1500 for two.

Julie asked about selling promotional items that had previously been brought up. It was concluded to wait since we have not even had a meeting due to covid.

2nd item is our next meeting and meeting place. Our next few meetings are scheduled in Salina. Are we going to do an in-person meeting or a zoom meeting? After discussing the options, there will be an in-person meeting which was motioned by Jolie and second by Tiny. The request will be that you are vaccinated and if not wear a mask. Vax cards will not be mandated. The hotel where the meeting will be held requests that everyone wear a mask in public areas and around other people, so that guideline should be followed.

There was some discussion about growing our membership and the question was brought up, who is our audience and who do we want to focus our meetings on?

3rd item is the Great Plains master beekeepers' group has funding for teaching apiaries for their surrounding states, Kansas being one of them. We need to consider if or how we want to do this and have a teaching apiary in our association.

4th item is do we have an election on new officers at the fall meeting? Those elected in an odd year are representative for the NW, NC and NE areas and for officers it's the President, 2nd VP and treasurer. And Tiny Jackson in the SE area needs to be official elected since he filled in the term for Norbert. Jolie said she would be leaving the 1st VP position and needs to be replaced even though it is not the year to elect her position. These will be elected at the fall 2021 business meeting.

Jolie asked if we wanted to have a silent auction at the fall meeting. Becky supported having it. There will be several vendors, too. The meeting will have box lunches so there will not be a buffet and it was decided to have the banquet dinner even though it is difficult to determine the number of attendees at this time.

A 1st and 2nd motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary, Sondra Koehn