

Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (KSBA)
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 19, 2023

Attendance: D. Keehan, J. Mayes, T. Sheehan, J. Steber, M. Eubank , M. Mabry, J. Taylor

The meeting was held via teleconferencing and was recorded.

KSBA President Duane Keehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. ET.

The minutes from the December 15, 2022 meeting were not available at the time of this meeting. The meeting was recorded. No replacement secretary has been found since the resignation of Theresa Martin in December. Joe Taylor moved to table the minutes. Tim Sheehan second the motion.

Financial Updates: Marcella Eubank reported she just has received access to the accounts and will send an email this weekend after she has time to reconcile the accounts. The report was emailed to the board right after the meeting included:

Listed below are the US Bank account balances as of today January 19, 2023. Since this is my first go at providing this information, please let me know if further details are needed. I will provide them right away.

Also, please let me know if I have omitted anyone who should also receive this email and forward along.

****777 \$11,540.94**

Check number 2298 for \$785.22 (Rick LeMarr) and check number 2300 for \$150.00 (Peggy Garnes) is outstanding, totaling \$935.22. Actual balance is \$10,605.72.

****5563 \$15,141.26**

Check number 1092 for \$61.60 (R&E Honey Ron & Ester Fleming) and check number 1093 for \$10,551.99 (Kentucky State Treasurer) sent certified remains outstanding totalling \$10,613.59.

****8094 \$14,934.95**

No checks outstanding.

Certified Kentucky Honey Program (CKHP)

Duane Keehan reported that Scott Moore wanted to share with the board that the 12-month KAGF compliance report was submitted and received on January 13, 2023.

Project Updates and New Projects:

WildApricot update from Julie Steber. The new platform set up is going very well and we are optimistic that the cut over will be on the weekend of February 11, 2023. Marcella Eubank has access and can pay the invoice for the full year payment. There is a very comprehensive list of items needed. The board has requested a new paper registration form to have and use for next few weeks prior to the launch of WA platform.

Joe Taylor mentioned that the current events on the website do not reflect the updated listing of bee schools. Several bee schools need to be placed on the site. We will promote events on the KSBA Facebook page, which is managed by several board members. We also need to restart the CKHP FB page since no one has access to the current one.

Jessica Mayes reported on the Eastern Kentucky Flood assistance project. Jessica sent a budget to KDA for funding of 20 beekeepers with 2 hives each. She was in touch with Chelsea, our grant contact. Jessica has been talking with Mann Lake, Dadant and other private beekeepers to obtain matching funds or in-kind donations needed to reach the match level of a grant from KDA. Only 6 beekeepers have requested assisted. Jessica is keeping a list of people who are requesting donations and items donated.

Duane reported recent visits to three different associations in past month. There is a sense of misinformation on the state fair financial reports. Recently there has been a lot of emotion and public expression on social media about restructuring and starting a new state beekeepers association. Duane's goal is to gain new members and put down the negative reports. He wants to have one open meeting and see what is happening with KSBA and allow members to voice concerns.

We need to visit the local associations and do more for them. Duane gave an example of the time that Jessica came to visit the Hardin County Association and gave a hive tool a young beekeeper. Duane would like for all officers to visit a local association monthly to help fight the negativity and gain new members.

Duane recently spoke with Tim about the CKHP. He discussed how the CKHP certificate he has assists him in operations of his business and partnerships with food and bourbon manufactures in Kentucky. The benefits of the program need to be expressed and encouraged for all levels of beekeepers and the cost needs to be reflected for the small hive operations. Suggested giving small number of stickers to help show pride.

Marcella responded to the point on fund discrepancies. She would like to process all invoices in a timely manner. Jessica provided additional ~~information~~ clarification on the issue around the state fair bookkeeping. Scott has all the information and reports on the funds and explanation on the actual amounts. He provided the detailed State Fair accounting to the Board after the meeting. We should probably report this information in the *BeeLines*. Unfortunately, invoices are not always received in a timely manner. We will be sure to supply the financial reports to help clarify for future discussions with associations.

We need a secretary and are actively seeking a replacement. Duties include sending meeting notices, recording minutes and membership. We have several other positions to be filled and should be promoting KSBA and recruiting officers when we make visits to local associations. The lack of volunteers is not unique to KSBA and seems to be happening across other nonprofits.

Duane would like to have shirts and a visible logo promoting KSBA when we travel out and visit associations. More discussion on this is needed. Funding is an issue for paying for these. Giveaway items may include key chains, pens or magnets etc. CKHP had shirts in previous year. The grant did have promotional items but it was very restricted and reduced.

Tim mentioned the upcoming event in Louisville with the Louisville Master Gardeners and possibly having Shannon Trimboli as a speaker.

Jessica, Duane and Scott have a meeting set up to work on events.

Next meeting is February 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Steber

