

Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (KSBA)

Board meeting minutes

Thursday March 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Duane Keehan, president KSBA

Attendance: D. Keehan, J. Steber, J. Taylor, T. Sheehan, J. Mayes, T. Horn, M. Mabry, P. Craft, J.R. Trammel, L. Davis, J. Haney, S. Moore, L. Eiden

Old Business:

Website updates-Julie discussed the website updates and everyone has good things to say about the new look. Julie reported that Phillip Craft is adding some new education pieces to the website.

State Fair: Tim Sheehan said the committee hadn't met yet but one concern is honey pricing and the fact that honey costs have not gone up to reflect the rising cost of packaging materials and in particular the price for comb honey was not very much higher than raw honey and

that seemed unfair to the people who are selling comb honey.

AG land: Tom and Scott are planning to handle the AG land area. Tom is handling the honey queen as well. Several rooms have been reserved at a hotel. One is for the honey queen for the first three days of the fair and two other rooms are reserved for a week prior to the fair for setting up for the honey booth. Theresa Martin will be staying in one room a couple of days prior to the opening of the fair to take in honey and catalog everything.

Orientation and the creation of a month-to-month budget calendar- It has been suggested that KSBA needs to try to create a list of things that need to be completed each month, such as bills that need to be paid or grant deadlines. It has also been suggested that we should have an orientation for persons who have been elected to board positions so they know what their responsibilities are. There is nothing in place at this time. Duane suggested we table this discussion until next month and create a committee to work on these things. Scott said that there is line-item list of all the money that has been paid out of the State Fair budget.

Jessica Mayes discussed the crop block grant that KSBA applied for. The process was begun last year, but we had to make some changes. KSBA requested \$28,950.00, knowing that we wouldn't actually receive that much. We made it through the preliminary stage, we have to fill out a lengthier application. Tammy and Jessica are working on that and it goes back to Bret at KDA and from there it will be decided how the funds will be allocated. This money will be used to pay off the \$12,750 matching grant to CKHP, pay for wild apricot, pay for our accounting fees. In the re-write about \$3,000 will be taken out to show our willingness to share the pot of Grant funds. The application is due April 11th.

Jessica also discussed asking local bee clubs to give donations to help support CKHP as requested by KYAG. When the grant was originally granted 20% was supposed to be matching funds. We are required to show local support of the CKHP as part of the conditions for receiving the grant. Jessica would like members to go and talk to some of the local beekeeping associations and see if they will donate to this endeavor. Phil said he would talk to Bluegrass and Northern Kentucky. Joe Taylor said he discussed it with his group and they said they need to know exactly how the money is going to be used, before

they would be willing to donate. Jessica said she has a copy of the grant and there about 15 different areas where they money has been allocated and she said she would load it on the website. Scott added that it has already been added to the CKHP webpage along with the grant application and the KDF contract. It shows the matching funds and a detailed breakdown of every penny spent.

Eastern Kentucky flood relief fund-There is about \$500 dollars that has been donated so far. Tom got a donation from Mann Lake consisting of foundation, frames, and some other stuff. Some people have also donated NUKs and queens. We have gotten requests from 10-15 beekeepers requesting hive replacement from these funds. **New Business:**

Awards- It was suggested that we might want to create another category of award. The KSBA currently has two awards: Beekeeper of the year award, and Lifetime achievement award. Joe Taylor said that if we are going to create one it needs to be added to the SOB and guidelines need to be set for nominating a person for the award. It was decided to table the discussion until the April meeting. Jessica said she would be willing to be on that committee.

Membership update: Scott reported that there are 872 new KSBA members, plus 35 paper applications that need to be scanned in. There are 90 members in the CKHP, which is the same as it was in December of last year so it is off to a good start just 2 months into the new year. There are also several people who have inquired about joining the certified program that are not currently affiliated with a local club, so Scott is going to have to make arrangements to visit their apiaries.

We have finally gotten administrative control of the CKHP Facebook page after a year and a half. Some updates have been done. He uploaded a post and reached 8,000 people and had really good engagement, including 830 likes and 61 shares.

He attended two bee schools; Audubon which had about 100 attendees and Bluegrass which had about 200.

Upcoming calendar events:

Lake Barkley, with Kent Williams -March 21 & 22

Green Valley Fall School -Sept 16

Perryville Spring Fest- May 13 Scott will be giving a lecture.

Honey testing-Scott finally reached Dr. Cummings regarding the honey sampling. He said that there was some miscommunication. Dr. Cummings had assumed there was some knowledge of what the honey contained, but it was a blind test. Evidently it takes much longer to get the test results when there is no knowledge of the honey, so it could take several months before the results come back. Hopefully when the results come in, we can determine which of the tests are most beneficial from both cost and turnaround time perspectives.

SAM renewal- This is in case we ever want to apply for a federal grant. It was set to expire on March 23. The application for renewal has already been sent in.

Secretary position-Jessica made a motion to accept Laurie Eiden as the interim secretary of the KSBA, until the entire membership gets the chance to vote. The motion was seconded by Tim.

Membership Assistant- Due to the secretary responsibilities including membership, it has been decided to enlist the help of Phillip Patterson, a member of Bluegrass Beekeeping Association to handle membership. This will not be a board member position at this time because that would require a rewrite of the bylaws, which we may eventually need to do. Phillip will

be an aid to the secretary. No vote was necessary do to it not being a board position.

HAS Conference-July 28 & 29 at WKU- Jennifer discussed with Duane, the possibility of KSBA assisting them with the conference. After much discussion, it was decided that we not be a part pf HAS. Concerns were:

It takes more than 4 months to put together a good quality regional conference.

It is three days before EAS and two weeks before the KY State fair.

we are not financially able to do it at this time.

We are short on manpower at present. There are unfilled positions on the board.

Rick Lemarr had unpaid invoices; they have been taken care of.

Tim will visit Leslie County at the end of March to represent KSBA and Dwayne said he visited Grayson County with Joe Taylor.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mike. The meeting ended at 8:34.