

## HEARTLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION of SE KANSAS

### GENERAL MEETING NOTES

*JANUARY 4, 2018*

President Ron Smail called meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Twenty-one in attendance, including Arvaughn for the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association and two members from the Joplin Area Beekeeping Association. Minutes of the November meeting were read by Secretary Lyn Smith, motioned to approve by Dan and seconded by Pat. Wayne gave the Treasurers report: Balance \$ 1,918.22 plus \$400 in a different account; call for motion to approve by Dan and seconded by Linda.

#### **Old Business:**

Vice-President Linda Russell updated us on the plans for the upcoming Michael Bush presentation. The event will take place on Saturday March 17 at the Pittsburg High School. A fee will be collected for attendance - \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. The fee collections will go toward meeting room and speaker's expenses. There will be a lunch (on your own) break scheduled with meeting continuing in the afternoon. Linda will send out a flyer to us by end of next week and asked for everyone to help in getting the word out.

#### **Annual Officer Elections:**

Ron nominated Pat Thornberry for Secretary. A vote was held and Pat was elected.

Linda nominated Wayne Bockelman to continue as Treasurer and all agreed.

Dan Mosier was elected to succeed Linda as Vice President.

Ron was elected to remain as President for another year term.

After discussion about the At-large Member position, Linda was elected to the position. Linda will continue to supervise the website and Facebook page. Pat will begin participating in this task. See officers listed at end of Notes.

#### **New Business:**

Ron will be scheduling guest speakers at some of our regular monthly meetings this year. Andy Nowachek of the Kansas City area is planning to attend our February meeting and will talk about spring hive maintenance. It was proposed that the club give guest speakers a token amount for their expenses. Fifty dollars will be provided for Andy.

Wayne reported on the Pittsburg City Council meeting. The Commissioner has suspended further activity on the subject of beehive restrictions within city limits.

Linda discussed a program called Bee City USA and one of our guests from Joplin also discussed Bee Campus USA. You can read about these at [www.beecityusa.org](http://www.beecityusa.org).

Ron announced that he will conduct a free hands-on demonstration of building frames with wax foundation on Saturday January 27 in Gas, Kansas. All are welcome to participate and learn the process. If you would like to attend, email Ron to let him know. He will be sending out starting time and directions to those interested.

Ron explained his plans for raising hives and queens. He brought a mini-nuc to show us and explained the Queen rearing cycle. He demonstrated other queen rearing equipment and described a method to harvest comb honey.

Ron discussed his business model of using nuc sales to cover your costs as a way to grow your hives. He discussed the hazards of opening hives in the winter; also discouraged having any liquid feed in the hive in cold weather. He discussed a technique of feeding the bees in the Spring by uncapping honey frames in the center of the hive as a way of stimulating the bees. With this technique, bees will move the uncapped honey which will open up center frames for brood. Ron showed how feeding schedules will affect swarm behavior. The group discussed essential oils and stimulants such as Honey-B-Healthy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

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Secretary	Pat Thornberry
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