1. SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE AT CONVENTIONS
   WHEREAS, The Minnesota Honey Producers have enjoyed another meeting; now
   BE IT RESOLVED that the membership direct the secretary to convey their appreciation to the management of the Northern Lights Casino, Walker, MN.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT
   WHEREAS, continued success of the Minnesota Honey Producers is dependent on the members, officers and advisors; now
   BE IT RESOLVED that this convention express its thanks to those who supported this association and gave of their time.

3. SPEAKERS
   WHEREAS, the excellent speakers have significantly contributed to the success of the meeting and the knowledge of those in attendance; now
   BE IT RESOLVED that the secretary be instructed to write the speakers letter of thanks for their participation.

4. DISPLAYS
   WHEREAS, continued support of companies at our meetings is an important part of our meetings; now
   BE IT RESOLVED that the members assembled direct the secretary to convey thanks to the companies involved.

5. MINNESOTA BEEKEEPER MAGAZINE AND EDITOR(S)
   WHEREAS, The Minnesota Beekeeper is our primary communication tool; now
   BE IT RESOLVED that this assembly convey thanks to the editors, Mark and Tanya Sundberg, and Brenda Bray, and
   THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the editors convey thanks to those who contributed to the magazine through articles, ads, etc., this past year.
6. STATE FAIR

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Fair provided much exposure and promotion for our association and products and WHEREAS, the state fair provides an excellent medium for positive public relations; now

BE IT RESOLVED that this association expresses thanks to those who volunteered time and talents to this event and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this association recognize and express thanks to the fair going public for their support, interest, and patronage of the displays and products.

7. BEE LAW

WHEREAS the Minnesota Honey Producers Association, Inc. has dedicated considerable time and resources to repeal the Apiary Statute Chapter 19, and

WHEREAS, interpretation of laws and policies by enforcing authorities may not be in the best interest or understood by the honey producers of Minnesota and

WHEREAS, upon occasion such differences of opinion have caused problems and may cause future problems and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Honey Producers Association has found there to be no problems in their operations caused by the repeal of the Bee Law; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Honey Producers Association rejects any efforts to reinstate any Bee Laws and/or any other apiary registration program such as Fieldwatch;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Minnesota Honey Producers Association direct the board to continue to monitor and review the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and its staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board be authorized to act through the legislature or by whatever means are deemed necessary to protect the best interest of the Minnesota Honey Producers Association and the beekeeping industry of Minnesota.

8. LEGUMES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, combining varieties of legumes with the present CRP seed mix will result in cost reduction, soil enhancement, and greater wildlife benefits, and

WHEREAS National Wildlife Refuges have stated: No bees shall be placed on NWR land and

WHEREAS, honeybees are beneficial pollinators to all; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Minnesota Honey Producers request the Department of the Interior and NRCS to use their power to rectify this decision.
9. CHEMICAL MAPPING

WHEREAS, all people of Minnesota benefit from clean and safe air, water and soil and
WHEREAS pesticides in the form of herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides can pollute and
contaminate water, air and soil by traveling with wind drift, water flow, and through the air, and
WHEREAS, pesticides are invisible, odorless, colorless, tasteless, and generally not detectable
without sophisticated laboratory equipment; now
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all pesticides applied in a commercial manner shall be
reported to the Commissioner of Agriculture, and records shall be kept on a state map showing
exact location of application, time, rate, temperature, and wind speed; now
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all applications shall be recorded and updated weekly and shall
be fully public and available to any resident of the State; now
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all information as to health risks and
environmental risks associated with each chemical shall be available to
people throughout the state.

10. RESEARCH

WHEREAS, research and encouragement of research is essential to maintaining a vigorous and
proactive industry which is continually faced with new challenges; now
BE IT RESOLVED to thank all who contributed to the Haydak and/or Furgala Funds for their
generous financial support.

11. HONEY QUEEN

WHEREAS, promotion is vital to all industries; now
BE IT RESOLVED that this association continues to support the queen program.

12. ROADSIDE SPRAYING AND MOWING

WHEREAS, honeybees and other pollinators require a variety of forage sources such as sweet
clover, alfalfa, bird’s foot trefoil, etc., and
WHEREAS, government entities are routinely spraying and mowing these beneficial plants;
now
BE IT RESOLVED that the MHPA board works towards eliminating unnecessary spraying and
mowing of these beneficial plants
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnesota Honey Producers
Association encourages all government entities to plant and nurture plants, shrubs and trees that
produce nectar and pollen that is beneficial to honeybees and other pollinators.
13. FARM BUREAU

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Honey Producers Association recognizes honeybees as the primary pollinators of agricultural crops. 

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we ask our membership to contact their local Farm Bureau to engage their support in establishing and managing on state owned properties, the plants most suitable for honeybee habitat.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that honeybee habitat be a priority on RIM, CREP and other non crop acres in Minnesota.

14. POLICY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the Minnesota Honey Producers Association to have members speak on its behalf,

WHEREAS, it is important that the message be consistent, BE IT RESOLVED that a policy statement shall be written by the Minnesota Honey Producers Assn. leadership and made available for members.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that members speaking on behalf of the organization shall adhere to the ideas contained within the policy statement