

West Plains Beekeepers Association Minutes August 5th 2011 Meeting

There was an educational presentation for the association by Jim Miller on Getting Ready for the 2012 honey flow and honey judging ideas.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Vice President Rob Henry. The agenda was reviewed accepted as printed.

Since the secretary was absent, Rob Henry took minutes. The minutes of July were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer: the budget for 2012 was proposed and approved by the association.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee

- it was suggested that a presentation be made to the Cheney City Council on Beekeeping within the city.
- a mentor program was recommended to assist new beekeepers, drawn from the association
- dates were discussed for upcoming beekeeping classes- 4 Fridays in October, January 4th, 3 Saturdays in Coeur d'Alene and Saturday classes in March 2012
- Sun People Dry Goods, at 2nd & Browne was a suggested location for classes
- a proposal was made for an Urban Beekeeping Class to be presented at EWU in January, put on by WPBA
- \$20 cost per family for the Beginner Classes, handout must be purchased separately, was proposed and the Institute for Extended Learning at SCC was suggested as a resource. Further with the WPBA to follow and clarify the Institutes function to follow.

Budget Committee

- 2012 budget unanimously passed

Unfinished Business

- after some discussion and review, the changes in the By Laws were unanimously passed by the WPBA

New Business

- Darcy Cole was nominated and unanimously elected as our new Secretary

Good of the Order

- the website has been upgraded and links added (essential oils and formic acid in the treatment of bees...)
- a motion to create a data base was made and will be discussed futher

-5013C is still being organized. Having the simplified By Laws will make this process easier and allow a submittal for our tax free status

-a recommendation from a member to go to the website www.hivetracks.com to allow journaling for tracking bee keeping activity on line, another was www.beetight.com

Adjourned at 8 pm