

**West Plains Beekeepers Association
Minutes for August 2, 2013**

Education presentation: Joe Geiger on Extraction

Approved June/July minutes

Dues – pay to Joe Geiger or via PayPal on the West Plains Beekeepers website

August 3 – 1-3pm picnic at Sutton Park in Cheney

Cheney Farmers Market – needs business cards/brochures. Derek Polcani asked about a live bee display and was told that there was too much liability. It was suggested that we inventory the education box so that people know what is available for education purposes. Someone suggested that we have information about bees vs. wasps, other stinging pests on our website so people could recognize the difference. It was suggested that the association put together a trifold brochure regarding the differences between wasps and bees

New Business

- 1) Website – Jack & Ellen Miller have agreed to continue to update for the time being
- 2) Fred/Gail Pollard went to EWU surplus sale and purchased a laptop for \$46.74. Ellen Miller moved & Kevin Oldenburg 2nd motion to reimburse the Pollards. Jack Miller will take home to see if the computer works before club spends money on software.
- 3) Gail suggested association update the swarm catchers list. Ellen Miller suggested that the secretary call the folks on the list, see if the phone numbers are still good and ask if the person still wants to be listed. Swarm catcher list should have information about the difference between bee hive removal and swarm catching.
- 4) Margo gave education report. November beginners class set for 11/2, 11/9 and 11/16. Jim Miller said the price of the WASBA test booklets will increase as of 10/1. It was moved and seconded that Margo order 40 basic beekeeping test books and 10 journeyman testbooks before the price increases.
- 5) Kevin gave research report – he will resubmit the grant this week or the week after next. The grant submission due date is 9/1. Jim reported that he is a member of and met with the organic beekeeping committee and that the committee was interested in the artificial honey idea. Jim suggested that he and Kevin contact the Certified Naturally Grown group about this.
- 6) Gail asked if we need a membership chair. This was tabled until a later date after discussion.
- 7) Treasurer's report – last time \$1673.68. Paid \$75 to Pizza Factory as thank you. \$1538.68 left. Two bills outstanding - \$45 for communication; \$50 for West Plains Chamber of Commerce. There was discussion about whether to continue Chamber membership. Gail volunteered to attend meetings, and it was decided to continue for 1 year and see if worth it.
- 8) Fred Pollard gave media committee report.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 8pm; after which everyone introduced themselves.