

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes**  
**February 1, 2013 6:30-8pm at Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA**

**Attendees:** Rob Henry, Jim and Jenine Miller, Jack and Ellen Miller, Fred and Gail Pollard, David Sheppard, Sherry Hession, Tom Wilkinson, Lyn Russell, Don and Cathy Richter, Kevin Oldenburg, Margo Buckles, Joe and Marilyn Geiger, Susan Beeman, Jeremy and Nancy Street, Don Penning, Bret and Janet Talbott, Julia Zurcher, Dick and Orma Donovan, John Sproule

**Educational Presentation** - Joe Geiger gave a presentation on Splitting hives. Joe gave tips on what worked for him when his 3 hives turned into 11 hives.

### **Old Business**

**Meeting minutes** for December and January are approved.

**Jim Miller's book** *The Handbook for the Bee Loving Beekeeper* is available for sale for \$19 on Jim's website millershomestead.com.

**Dues** for the year are due. \$20 per family. You can pay Marilyn at the meeting, or send a check to PO Box 134, Medical Lake WA 99022.

We need to update our new officer information of the WSBA website. Sherry will email Fran to do this.

### **New Business**

- Master Beekeeper Jim Miller will give a **presentation at the Inland Empire Gardeners meeting** on Thursday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Center Place, 2426 North Discovery Place (across the street from the YMCA in Spokane Valley). You're welcome to come and represent West Plains Beekeepers and be available to answer questions.
- Jim Miller beekeeping classes in March **Beginning Beekeeping Class** March 2, 9, 16, 2013 (Saturdays) Time 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Where: Pizza Factory, 123 S Broad St, Medical Lake. If you'd like to teach some of the class, email Jim at jim@millershomestead.com and tell him what you'd like to talk about. More information is on - Jim's website at [www.millershomestead.com](http://www.millershomestead.com) and on our website at [www.wpbeekeepers.org](http://www.wpbeekeepers.org).
- There will also be **Beekeeping classes at Sun People Dry Goods** in March on Friday nights from 6-9pm starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in March. For more information, email Jim at [jim@millershomestead.com](mailto:jim@millershomestead.com).
- If you'd like to order bees, email Jim at [jim@millershomestead.com](mailto:jim@millershomestead.com)
- We'll have a table at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge Open House in Cheney on May 18. 8am-3pm.
- Cathy Richter made 30 laminated signs to be used at events for directions to our presentations. Email Cathy at rcatherine@centurytel.net if you'd like to use the signs for an event.

### **Education Committee**

- We'll have a table for bee education at 5 local libraries in March. The dates are March 16, 18, 20, 23, 27. More information is on the calendar on our website at [www.wpbeekeepers.org](http://www.wpbeekeepers.org)
- We'll have a booth at Founders Day in Medical Lake on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the booth was approved to be paid for by WPBA.
- There was a discussion about putting links on our webpage. It was suggested to put a link to WSBA and honey.com. We have to decide which for-profit organizations we will link to, since we are a 501C3 organization. It was suggested to just put member for-profit links. If you have other suggestions for links, email them to westplainsbeekeepers@gmail.com

**Research Committee** - The grant for the Synthetic Feeding Experiment has been submitted. We should know by the next meeting if it was approved. Jim Miller said we need to make sure to register the 15 hives if we get them, and brand all the equipment that will belong to our club.

### **Social Media Committee**

We would like to use Facebook to promote the club. Also want to use the local paper, the Inlander, to promote events. Need to make sure farmers markets know us. Email Fred with ideas at [r90k@centurylink.net](mailto:r90k@centurylink.net)

**Treasurer's Report** - \$1,211.10 in the treasury. Plus dues money received at this meeting.

The next meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.