

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes**  
**January 3, 2013 6:30-8pm**  
**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, Ronald and Manian Craig, Priscilla Vaagen, Angel Michel, Joe and Marilyn Geiger, Martin and Marcia Davis

**Educational Presentation**

Jim Miller talked about “Beekeeping along the Nile”. Jim discussed his recent trip to Egypt and presented his experiences with beekeeping in the Middle East. His presentation will be available on our website. The Arab Beekeepers Union asked Jim to come over there and give them advice on improving their beekeeping practices.

**Old Business**

Meeting minutes for December will be approved and sent out later.

**New Business**

**Education Committee**

On January 12, 2013 at 2pm, our group will host a showing of Nicotine Bees at EWU's JFK Library Auditorium.

Jim Miller will give beekeeping classes in March at the Pizza Factory in Medical Lake. More information is on Jim's website at millershomestead.com Jim's book he wrote will be available for sale at the next meeting.

**Research Committee**

There were two research committee meetings (Nov 16<sup>th</sup> and Dec 21<sup>st</sup>) to discuss writing a proposal for a grant to test a Synthetic Feeding Experiment. The grant proposal has been turned in and we will find out in a few months if the proposal is accepted. Committee chair, Kevin Oldenburg led the discussions.

The club plans to have 15 hives in the experiment. If you would like to be part of the experiment, please send an email to Kevin at [kevin.oldenburg@matrical.com](mailto:kevin.oldenburg@matrical.com) There are strict protocol guidelines that have to be followed with your hives if you volunteer to participate and you have to have at least 2 hives that will follow the protocol.

**Media Committee**

We would like to use Facebook to promote the club. Also add a white paper and use Google docs to organize club documents.

**Treasurer's Report**

\$1,070 in the treasury. Plus dues money received at this meeting. Dues for the year of \$20 per family are due now. Please pay to Marilyn Geiger.

**Ideas for events for the year**

Booth at Founders Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June. Set up an educational booth next to Jim Miller's Turnbull booth – Saturday around Mother's day  
Have a table at Spokane libraries

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.