

West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2013 6-8pm at the Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

6:30pm Gina Jackson gave a presentation on "Growing a garden for bees in the West Plains". It's available on our club website at <http://www.wpbeekeepers.org/meetingpresentations>

Rob Henry opened the official meeting at 7 pm.

Old Business

Medical Lake Founders Day June 15 <http://www.medical-lake.org/news.asp?id=261> Come check out our booth.

Turnbull NWR Open House May 18th – It was a worthwhile event and a good match for us. People come to learn, so it's a good environment for us to teach about bees. We have a good relationship with the people there.

Cheney Farmers Market. Tuesdays 2-7pm. **Opens June 15** <http://cheneyfarmersmarket.com/EVENETS.html> We've been offered a spot at the market if we are interested. If we want a booth, they will set up a table for us. Kevin and Eileen Field have a booth there and we can leave club flyers there.

Cheney Jubilee July 13, 14 We are not going to be involved with this event. Not a good fit for us.

Washington State Beekeepers Assoc. Conference Oct 3-6 <http://wasba.org/event/wsba-annual-conference/>

Journeyman Beekeeper classes—Jim Miller will teach the Journeyman class on October 5 and 12 at the Pizza Factory in Medical Lake. Class is 8 hours in length and is for beekeepers who have completed the Beginning Beekeeping Class and are interested in more information about maintaining honeybees. Call Jim Miller if you have questions. 509-299-9085 Register: Millers Homestead, 14606 S. Stangland Rd., Cheney, WA Phone 509-299-9085 Cost: TBA. More information on becoming a Journeyman beekeeper is at <http://wasba.org/master-beekeepers-program/journeyman/>

Top Bar Hive class will be taught by Jack Miller on October 26 10am-2pm. Lunch provided. Call Jack Miller 509-954-3669 to register or for further information.

Beginning Beekeepers class – Nov 2, 9, 16 10am-2pm at the Pizza Factory in Medical Lake. More information later on registering.

New Business

Nomination Committee – Fred Pollard chairman

President - Gail Pollard nominated for President. Nominated, seconded and approved.

Vice President – Margo Buckles nominated, seconded and approved.

Treasurer – Joe Geiger nominated, seconded and approved.

Secretary – Sherry Hession nominated, seconded and approved.

No further nominations. These are the new West Plains Beekeepers Association officers for the term June 7, 2013 to May 2014.

Marilyn said we gave the pizza factory \$75 for the beginning classes last time and we should do it again for the November beginning classes. Motion to approve/seconded/approved.

Margo asked what presentations would people like to hear? Fred will give a presentation in July about "How bees are attracted to flowers". A suggestion was made to invite the Weed control inspector to speak. Another suggestion is to have a talk on what a new beekeepers should expect. Another was hive predators.

Education Committee

Do we want to do a hive tour- consensus was yes. We need to choose an annual date for it

Treasurers Report: \$1,618.61 checking, and \$51 in savings.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.