

**West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes**  
**November 1, 2013 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA**

Attendees: Ellen Miller, Jack Miller, Fred Pollard, Gail Pollard, Don Richter, Cathy Richter, Robert Swanson, Joe and Marilyn Geiger, Peggy Clemons, Glenn and Gina Zimmerman, Ari Alvarez, Maria Alvarez, Ari Alvarez Jr., Ana Alvarez, Margo Buckles, Kevin Oldenburg, Rob Henry, James Dilgard, Cheryl Dilgard, Elizabeth Dilgard, Richard and Orma Donovan, Mark and Egle Claussen, Sherry Hession, David Sheppard.

6:30pm Kevin Oldenburg presentation on GMO's.

President Gail Pollard opened the official meeting at 7 pm.

Old Business

Minutes for Oct were approved.

There were lots of new faces at the meeting, so we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Dues are \$20 per family for the year. If you haven't paid yet, you can pay Joe Geiger at the next meeting or send a check to our club mailbox. The address is PO Box 134, Medical Lake WA 99022.

Swarm catchers list on the website. Sherry will call members to update the list.

Honey Judging – We are going to have honey judging and tasting at the December meeting. Glen and Elizabeth volunteered to be judges.

New Business

Paul Delaney wrote an article on WPBA for the Cheney Free Press titled "Beekeeping classes hope to change bees bad rap". He interviewed Margo Buckles for the story. It was in the Oct 24<sup>th</sup> paper.

WPBA was contacted by the radio station 101.9 in Medical Lake who offered us free publicity by doing an interview about WPBA and beekeeping. Their website is [www.air1.com](http://www.air1.com). Jim Miller did the interview. It aired on the radio twice and we will let everyone know when it will air again.

Committee Reports

Education Committee Margo reported the upcoming education for future meetings and events

December- Honey judging

January – Desert Jewel nursery plant presentation. Desert Jewel Nursery specializes in drought tolerant plants and flowers. <http://www.desertjewelnursery.com/>

June – Hive and garden tour will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June (June 15, 2014). Let Margo know if you would like to include your apiary in the hive tour.

Research Committee -- Kevin said he will submit the grant to the National Honey Board.

Treasurers Report -- Joe Geiger reported \$1,576.65 in the treasury.

Media Report -- Fred Pollard reported that the West Plains Chamber was doing a "cash mob", or social event at Orlicon Brewing Co., 12921 W. 17th Ave., Airway Heights on November 8.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30