

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

Attendees: Gail and Fred Pollard, Jim Miller, Jack and Ellen Miller, David Sheppard, Sherry Hession, Kevin Oldenburg, Margo Buckles, Joe and Marilyn Geiger, Jason Stevens, Derek Policani, Rod Massie, Glenn and Gina Zimmerman, Angel Michel, Robert Swanson, Ana and Ari Alvarez, Maria and Ari Alvarez Jr, Kevin and Eileen Field, Don and Cathy Richter

6:30pm Jim Miller **presentation on Preparing your hives for winter.** It will be available on our club website at <http://www.wpbeekeepers.org/meetingpresentations>

President Gail Pollard opened the official meeting at 7 pm.

Old Business

Minutes for August were approved.

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

The August 3rd **potluck** at the park in Cheney was good. We set an annual date for the club potluck. In the future, it will be on the 1st Sunday in August.

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.

The **computer** we got through surplus doesn't work.

Swarm catchers list on the website. Sherry will call everyone and update the list.

Hive Tour--We would like to do a hive tour next year either the 1st or 3rd weekend in June. Jim Miller offered his hives for the tour and suggested we also visit flower gardens.

New Business

Paypal is now working on our website and people can sign up and pay for classes on the website.

Fred attended the **West Plains Chamber** meeting breakfast and said it was worthwhile.

There was discussion on having **hives at the airport** for public relations. There was a motion to study this further and it was seconded and approved. Fred, Kevin, Jack and Jim will explore it further.

Membership Committee – This is a new committee and Marilyn Geiger agreed to be the chairman.

Education Committee Margo reported the following beekeeping classes are coming up...

- **Journeyman Beekeeper class**—Jim Miller will teach the Journeyman class on October 5 and 12 from 10am to 2pm at the Pizza Factory in Medical Lake. Class is for beekeepers who have completed the Beginning Beekeeping Class. For more information and to sign up, see our website.
- **Top Bar Hive class** will be taught by Jack Miller on October 26 10am-2pm. Lunch provided. More information is our website.
- **Beginning Beekeepers class** – Nov 2, 9, 16 10am-2pm at the Pizza Factory in Medical Lake. You can sign up and pay on our website.

Research Committee- Kevin said the research grant is due Nov 7. The experiment will start in the spring with 15 club hives if the grant is approved.

Treasurers Report: Joe Geiger reported \$1,068.68 in the treasury. Jim Miller said we need to pay WSBA for the year. We have to pay \$1 per member.

Media Report. Fred Pollard said he's trying to get our information in The Inlander. If you have ideas, let Fred know.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.