

West Plains Beekeepers Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2014 Pizza Factory, Medical Lake, WA

6:30 pm Peggy Clemons explained methods of Fall Prep

7:15 pm President Kevin Oldenburg calls official meeting to order.

Attendees: 26 members including all four officers

Secretary minutes for July approved.

Old Business

- Picnic Sunday, August 3rd at Waterfront Park
- Insurance for Association. Kevin was contacted by WASBA. We will hear more news about the insurance in the next couple of months.
- Getting quotes on T-shirts/hats/fleeces for selling at events and to members

New Business

- The Natural Resource Defense Council will be filing a suit against the Environmental Protection Agency to ban neonicotinoids. David Sheppard brought some form letters to send donations to help encourage the suit.
- An unidentified spraying service in Tacoma created a mass killing of bees because of going door to door selling their spray service
- There will be a Hive Tracks demo possibly at the Feb meeting, and a club membership for the program will be discussed

Committee Reports

- **Education Committee**, Margo:
 - Always looking for members to join Education Committee
 - Need more speakers for Education portion of our meetings
 - We will have a display at the Cheney Public Library in October
 - Beginners class will take place November 1, 8, 15
 - Margo is looking into revising and/or recreating the WPBA apprentice booklet
 - The Pizza Factory owner has allowed us to get a screen for projecting presentations
 - Reardan High School wants to start a bee club, but needs a mentor
- **Research Committee**, Kevin Oldenburg:
 - Need volunteers to pull the association's honey supers and collect bees for testing in WSU on Thursday, Aug 14
 - Also need volunteers on Aug 15 for extracting the honey supers at Jim's
 - According to the weight of the hives in the feed experiment, it doesn't matter what you feed bees, but they eat less when fed essential oils
 - In the feed experiment, Kevin found that the bees apparently eat less when fed essential oils, but the final weight of the hives do not differ greatly when fed differently.
 - What to do with all the association honey? Honey is tax exempt so it is okay to sell, but it must be collected, extracted, and sold by volunteers

Treasurer report, Glen Zimmerman: Balance in association account \$3,041.98

7:37 pm Meeting adjourned

Maria Alvarez, WPBA Secretary